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## *Filled With Blood, Sweat, and Sacrifices*

# ATA Behind the Scenes

*Jerry Husak*

In 1944 at the age of twelve, I was first exposed to a public stamp exhibition and convention of national scope in Milwaukee. Having collected stamps for only a short period of time prior to this exhibition, I was really impressed and determined some day to play a role myself in the hobby. My parents gave me more than the usual encouragement fully realizing the wonderful educational potentials of stamp collecting.

As time passed, I realized, as so many other collectors do, that it is impossible to collect the world at large. Topical collecting won my favor. I tried to find out all I could about it. There were few published works on various phases, but not sufficient to satisfy my hunger for knowledge. I joined several national societies, but didn't find too much. At the time, topical collecting was not as generally recognized in philately as it is today.

"There must be others like myself," I mused, "that are looking for guidance in forming a topical collection. Why don't we get together and share our information through a united body of topical collectors?" Thus was born the idea of the formation of the American Topical Association in 1949.

Since I was only seventeen at the time, the idea at first received but luke-warm reception from my parents [Gertrude and Lawrence Husak]. They felt such an organization would take too much time away from my studies, physical exercise, sports, and other high school recreation activities. But when they saw my determination and enthusiasm, they promptly came to my aid with help in many forms, which continued over the years.

In my five years (1944 to 1949) in philately, I developed correspondence with a number of other collectors and figured that further contacts could be made through announcements in the philatelic press. "Who knows, perhaps through the formation of ATA, as many as 200 topical collectors might come together for mutual aid and exchange of information, ideas and stamps."

The early days were not easy. Many people had to be convinced that topicals deserve a place in philately. Gradually through hard work and promotion, more and more collectors realized the merits of topical collecting. One of the most convincing tools was the publication of *Topical Time*, where members could share with their fellows topical stamp

This is a reprint of an article by Jerry Husak, ATA #1, appearing in the November-December 1959 issue of *Topical Time*. It was prefaced with the following explanation: "We have always been ultra conservative about using space in *Topical Time* for personal matters or to talk about ourselves and our problems, but we hope you will excuse this breach of our editorial policy as the following interesting story of ATA and its background is particularly fitting for publication now at the close of ATA's 10th anniversary year." Only minor revisions have been made so that the article now commemorates ATA's 50th anniversary.

information by way of articles, checklists, and columns.

Many hundreds of members aided other members in this way, to say nothing of the fine contributions to topical philately which have been made by ATA officers, committee chairs, Chapter and Unit leaders, and members who have worked splendidly together for the cause of topical philately. To all of them I say "Thank You!" For fear of slighting anyone and because of the length of the list, I will not specifically name those who deserve great credit for having rendered an invaluable service to their fellow topicalists by participating in ATA activities.



Birthplace of ATA and 1949-1955 Office  
3306 North 50th Street in Milwaukee

I first worked at home in my bedroom on a part-time basis, with ATA gradually consuming more and more of my time as my parents had so wisely anticipated. I had to give up most social activities and sports, and devote most of my time to ATA and schooling, the former generally taking more time than the latter, much to the consternation of my parents. They issued an ultimatum. Either I maintain good grades in school or I quit ATA activities. With this over my head, I had no choice for I would not give up the joyous work in ATA. It was my life, my chief interest, my everything! With the patience and understanding of my parents, both with physical, mental, and financial aid along with continuous encouragement once they knew this was not a youthful whim but a real ambition. I managed with the help of other ATA officers and workers to carry on the good work and still graduate with a 91 average from high school and with *cum laude* honors from college.

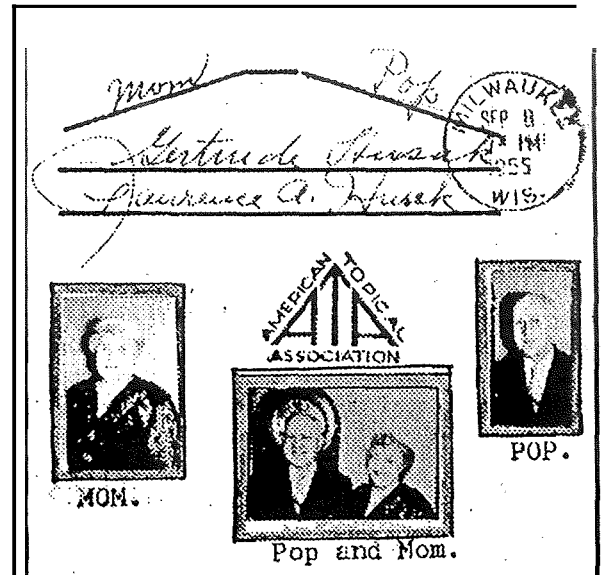
Dad helped nourish the ATA "baby" in its infancy and spent over \$3,500 of his money to help promote ATA through its lean years; he also donated a great deal of his time and that of his private secretary—all with no expectation of repayment or remuneration, except to see the joy of my progress with ATA.

I converted my bedroom into an office. From 1949 to 1955, I used as a typing-table a child's desk which I had already outgrown, and a chair which left much to be desired posture-wise. With a chronic back ailment, I wonder how I could have actually worked in this manner for five years. As space was limited, I used an old bookcase to house supplies and ATA publications.

The addressing machine was high atop my dresser which I operated by standing on a low stool, since there wasn't room for more furniture. Work in process was laid out on the bed during the day as a temporary table only to be cleared off each night before retiring.

Exceptionally large mailings, such as solicitations for membership and the mailing of *Topical Time* and topical handbooks, had to be handled on the large dining room table, sometimes with all three boards inserted in it. Good-natured Mother tolerated this for reasonable periods, but I must admit there were many times that ATA mailings took precedence over the next meeting of Mother's various women's clubs at our house. Mom and Pop always pitched in to get the mailings out.

As time went on, space in my bedroom disappeared. I had to put surplus quantities of envelopes, back issues of *Topical Time*, and topical handbooks in the attic, dragging these heavy boxes up to the third floor. This, plus a back injury received at a stamp show from an



Gertrude and Lawrence Husak Photos  
and Autographs on a 1955 Cachet

accident while carrying a heavy load of publications to the ATA booth, caused a permanent back condition requiring monthly medical attention.

Not only was space at a premium, so was time. ATA was consuming more than a normal work week, even while I was in college; this put quite a strain on my physical endurance. With relief and gladness in the thought that ATA would be my full time work henceforth, I graduated Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1954. To serve ATA better with more advanced management knowledge, I continued my schooling on a limited part-time basis one or two nights a week taking a long four years to receive the degree of Master of Business Administration in 1958.

From 1954 onwards, I had more time to devote to the improvement of ATA services and publications both in quantity and quality. Soon, time was almost as limited as before as I took on more responsibility. I never was satisfied with what ATA had to offer, and I **was** always looking for new ways to help topical collectors and make topical collecting a more enjoyable and educational way to collect.

By 1955, ATA virtually burst out of our home at 3306 North 50th Street, and I looked for an inexpensive office. Dad, who had long advised me on major ATA policies, frowned on the idea, believing that it would cost ATA too much. Up to then I agreed for the most part, wholly or in part, with my father's sage advice drawn on his 35 years of business experience; but this time, by necessity, I had to go against his wishes. Despite this move, which proved beneficial to ATA in the long run, I am deeply indebted to him for the continued lessons in frugality and use of funds, which he taught me over the years.



When I set out to find an office, I soon found how right Pa was. Desirable offices were at a premium far beyond ATA's pocket-book. Finally by agreeing to answer a lawyer's phone as a free service, I secured for ATA a 12' x 18' office adjoining the lawyer's office for a very reasonable sum. It was located at 1602 West Wells Street in Milwaukee. The office permitted me to provide more efficient management of the Association. The additional space made it possible to get more work done quicker and provided additional storage space for forms and supplies. This also allowed for greater "shopping around" to obtain the lowest possible prices for printing and other office supplies in large quantities which was not possible with the limited storage facilities at home.

Three weeks after occupying the office in 1955, tragedy struck. There was a serious fire in the basement and on the first floor of the office building. On the second floor, where the ATA office was located, there was only smoke damage, but it created havoc, and extremely unpleasant working conditions in the hot stuffy summer weather to which was added unpleasant burnt odors. Unfortunately, it took nearly three months to complete repairs on the building, but fortunately, not all the ATA publications and office supplies had been moved from home, and the smoke damage loss was covered by insurance which had been obtained just three weeks before the fire.

Now that I wasn't working at home anymore, Mother would come down about once a week to help out with mailings and filing and general office work. Father continued to advise and one of his friends in the furniture business loaned me all the original ATA office furniture. I really needed a full-time secretary, but felt ATA couldn't afford it yet.

For mimeographing, we still used a rebuilt machine which Dad bought as a gift for me in 1949. Our adding machine was about 40 years old bought at a receivership sale along with some other small office equipment "for a song." We also used a 35-year-old typewriter owned by my Father's business. Gradually as funds permitted, new equipment was added for efficient handling of ATA affairs, but caution in expenditure is the keynote of ATA's success, along with a minimum of red-tape coupled with lots of action.

Near the close of 1955 with ATA work ever increasing, I met Sally Vogel in the hall of the office building. She was at that time employed by another firm in the building; she was dissatisfied with her position and was seeking employment elsewhere. As we grew to know each other over the months, she realized how badly I needed assistance, but I



Jerry and Sally Husak One Year After Their Marriage. This Photograph Was Taken at the 1957 ATA TOPEX in Chicago

made it clear that ATA could not afford any secretarial services at the going rate of pay.

Becoming interested in ATA and topical stamp collecting as I described it to her, Sally offered to relinquish her position and work for ATA for a short period of time at one-third her previous salary until she found suitable employment elsewhere. I accepted her offer, and found that her experience and efficiency in the handling of general office work relieved me of many routine operations. I had more time for writing, editing, promoting new ideas and services, handbooks, and general management of ATA. Together we worked as a team.

I dreaded the day that she should leave for another job. Fortunately, as fate will have it, that day never came. In the latter half of 1956, Sally became Mrs. Jerry Husak.

After Sally's arrival, ATA continued to grow. Work expanded until at times the both of us could not handle it. Mother and Father Vogel [Sally's parents] had since joined my parents with "home work" consisting of folding, stuffing, and mailing thousands of various types of membership solicitation letters each year. ATA owes much to the devoted voluntary service of our four parents in expanding the membership and services of the Association.

ATA has been a lot of sweat and blood, a lot of sacrifices "beyond the call of duty," but above all ATA has been and continues to be a joy, a pleasant work with pleasant people. Our biggest satisfaction came from helping others, gathering and disseminating information on topical stamp collecting, and the fulfillment of our 1949 aims — the mutual cooperation among members for the betterment of all. •

## Tribute to ATA's Earliest Members

# ATA Charter Members

Memories of surviving ATA Charter Members as obtained through direct communications by your editor are reproduced here as a tribute to ATA's earliest members. Initially only the first 200 ATA members were considered as "Charter Members," but subsequently this distinction was granted to the first 1,000 members. Here then are memories of those Charter Members with whom we have been able to establish direct communications.

Gene Babcock (ATA #135)

"My topic was ships on stamps, but I am now nearly blind and can no longer enjoy stamp collecting. However, I have many happy memories of my association with ATA." [Editor's Note: Gene Babcock's mailing address is 332 West Mosely Street, Freeport, IL 61032.]

Leon Berman (#28, LM#622)

[Mrs. Christine Berman advises that Leon is hospitalized and his health does not permit him to discuss with us his early years as an ATA member. However, Mrs. Berman tells us that her husband's health has not permitted him to collect stamps for at least five years. Mary Ann Owens informs us that Leon was collecting elephants on stamps when she started her collection, and she communicated with him until his health did not permit him to answer letters. The Berman's live at 14470 Labelle, Oak Park, MI 48237.]

Dr. Archibald C. Cohen  
(ATA #956, LM #7)

"As a physician with the Veterans Administration in Butler, Pennsylvania, I began collecting medicine and Judaica on stamps. I found my membership in ATA and in the ATA Medical Subjects Unit very helpful by providing biographical data on physicians. I am now 90 years old, and disposed of

my stamp collection some years ago. However, I still enjoy reading *Topical Time*." [Editor's Note: Dr. Archibald Cohen's mailing address is 5100 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Apt. 402, Miami, FL 33137.]

Mrs. Evelyn Conrow (ATA #778)

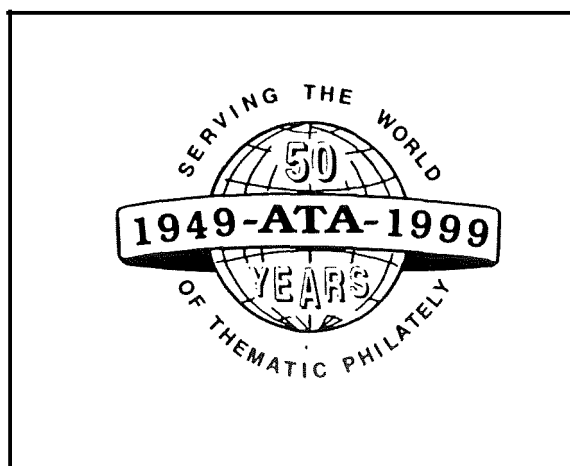
"I remember having exhibited "Horses and Those They Served" at the 1953 ATA convention held at the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia. I then began to specialize on stamps depicting Princess Elizabeth before she became Queen, and stamps associated with Abraham Lincoln. I still enjoy reading *Topical Time* which seems to get better all the time." [Editor's Note: Evelyn Conrow's mailing address is 4 Clinton Street, Sidney, NY 13838.]

Wallace C. Corey (ATA #187, LM #18)

"As an architect, I started collecting stamps picturing historical buildings and monuments, and I still maintain this collection. I especially like the recent U.S. postal cards depicting various historic buildings. Over the years, I have obtained a great deal of useful information on my topic from ATA. I also have an extensive library on the history of Virginia City, Nevada, and I have a large lapel pin collection from all over the world." [Editor's Note: When Wallace Corey joined ATA, he was a resident of Taunton, Massachusetts. His current mailing address is 2331 Grissley Road, Reno, NV 89511.]

Edward J. Davis, Jr. (ATA #577)

"Jerry Husak published a poem that I had written in the November-December 1950 issue of *Topical Time*. Then I authored my first article which appeared in the January-February 1952 issue of *Topical Time*. It was entitled "Writers on Stamps," and I explained, "as a student of journalism, I chose this as my theme. After many months, I had acquired 56 stamps which featured novelists, journalists, poets, and dramatists, all of which I mounted on pages designed by myself with a detailed write-up of each personage.." Later I co-authored an article with Clare McAlister which included a country by country checklist of writers on stamps. It appeared in the January-February 1954 issue." [Editor's Note: Edward Davis subsequently received the Lidman Gold Award for Philatelic Writing, and he still writes a stamp column for his local newspaper, but he is unable to attend NTSS-99. His mailing address is 847 Old Main Road, Tiverton, RI 02878.]



**Mrs. Catherine (Caspary) Fechner  
(ATA #131, LM #131)**

"My memories as national secretary of ATA, as the first secretary of the ATA Americana Unit, and as the first editor of the Sports Unit periodical are many and varied. But I especially recall the wonderful fellowship which I enjoyed at ATA conventions. I had the pleasure of frequently rooming with Marge Hackelt where we held informal parties; I recall that Marge was concerned that the maids would report our activities to the management when they found the empty bourbon bottles. I also remember that Jerry Husak brought a supply of Wisconsin cheese for everyone to enjoy at the 1953 ATA convention in Philadelphia, but I didn't like cheese; Jerry was upbeat about it all, and he was always a real gentleman. My husband and I continued to attend ATA conventions for a few years after our marriage in 1967. I hope to be able to attend the ATA 50th anniversary convention in Milwaukee." [Editor's Note: Mrs. Catherine Fechner's mailing address is 411 Poplar Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607.]

**Dr. Allan Hauck (ATA #457)**

"When I joined ATA, topical collecting was a kind of philatelic heterodoxy, which over the years has come to be considered orthodox. As a young professor of religion, my topic was "religion." Fifty years ago, such comprehensive topics seemed manageable. When we moved to Wisconsin in 1968, the ATA office in Milwaukee was one of our first Badger expeditions. Shirley and I still fondly remember the warm welcome extended by Jerry and Sally. For years, Jerry saved all the International Reply Coupons sent by ATA members living abroad, and I purchased these from him. In this way, ATA also helped expand my other philatelic interest (reply coupons)." [Editor's Note: Dr. Allan Hauck is currently president of COROS, and author of the *Topical Time* column on topical postmarks. He plans on attending NTSS-99. His mailing address is P.O. Box 165, Somers, WI 53171.]

**William C. Haynes (ATA #751)**

"I met Jerry Husak while we were both attending Marquette University here in Milwaukee where we were both studying business administration. Since I was an accumulator of ship covers, he talked me into joining ATA, and I subsequently helped him stuff envelopes for ATA mailings. I later dropped my ATA membership, but when I saw Jerry at the 1997 APS show in Milwaukee, he talked me into rejoining. Topicals are a very popular hobby, and Jerry has done a fantastic job in making them even more popular. I will try to attend the ATA 50th birthday party here in my

home town." [Editor's Note: William Haynes's mailing address is 1526A South 237th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215.]

**Raymond Herdt (ATA #480, LM #74)**

"I am what you might call a real railroad 'buff.' My father and other members of my family worked for railroads, which led me to start collecting model railroads in 1947 when the N-gauge first appeared. Then I joined ATA to assist me in developing a collection of trains on stamps which I still maintain. Both ATA and the ATA Casey Jones Railroad Unit have been of great assistance over the years. I am 80 years old, but I still do a great deal of traveling, usually on trains. It is possible that I will be able to attend ATA's 50th anniversary birthday party in Milwaukee." [Editor's Note: Raymond Herdt's mailing address is 3405 Susana Drive, Louisville, KY 40213.]

**Jerome Husak (ATA #1 LM #40)**

[See Jerry Husak's article entitled "ATA Behind the Scenes" on page 25 of this issue which was first published in the November-December 1959 issue of *Topical Time*. His mailing address is 12302 West Beechwood Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.]

**Fred Korotkin (ATA #831, LM #144)**

"Anyone who collected topical stamps was looked upon as an 'upstart' when ATA was founded. In a sense, topical collectors were trail blazers of a new, innovative idea in philately. When the Minneapolis ATA Chapter hosted TOPEX in 1960, members of other local stamp clubs raised their eyebrows, thought topicals would be a short-lived fad, and believed that TOPEX '60 would be a flop. It was a huge success and introduced other philatelists in the area to the joys of topical collecting. We succeeded because we had enthusiasm, good publicity, and showed others the possibilities and pleasures of our way of collecting. Today, topical collecting is accepted, thanks to the pioneering efforts and perseverance of topical and thematic aficionados of the past half-a-century. It's my belief that topical exhibits at stamp shows do much to attract new collectors to our hobby. Our endeavors of the past have paid off by giving stature and prestige to topical collecting." [Editor's Note: Fred Korotkin is a past president of ATA and plans on attending NTSS-99. His mailing address is 4925 Minnetonka Blvd., #512, Minneapolis, MN 55416.]

**Donald W. Lewis (ATA #585)**

"I joined ATA as a teenager when I started a trains on stamps collection. I also joined the ATA Casey Jones Railroad Unit soon after it started, and recall Charles J. Keenan as the founder. The Unit, one of ATA's oldest, has always been a sort of a one-man band with

long-term editors putting newsletter together and thus keeping the Unit active. The current major domo, Oliver Atchison, is the best ever, but the Unit still does not enjoy the membership participation of other Units. Other ATA stalwarts have continued to author handbooks and checklists to the benefit of us all. I always enjoy *Topical Time*." [Editor's Note: Donald Lewis dropped his membership for 5-10 years while he was overseas, but renewed his membership after he returned home. His mailing address is 3810 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette, CA 94549.]

Dr. Allan H. Macht (ATA #294, LM #92)

"My topic is maps on stamps, and I even purchased some map stamps from Jerry Husak many years ago. However, I am sorry that the ATA Carto-Philatelists unit has become inactive because I found their journal especially useful. I will try to attend ATA's 50th anniversary birthday party in Milwaukee." [Editor's Note: Dr. Allan Macht is a surgeon, and still practices medicine. His mailing address is 3414 Janellen Drive, Baltimore, MD 21208.]

Robert A. Montgomery  
(ATA #505, LM#505)

"I was collecting worldwide stamps in the late 1940s. Then I saw an ATA advertisement in one of the stamp journals and decided that topical collecting was for me. I started collecting trains on stamps, and I still maintain a topical collection. When I realized that I wanted to maintain my ATA membership, I decided that Life Membership would be a good investment. So I asked if they would give me the same Life Member number as my ATA #505; that is why both of my numbers are the same." [Editor's Note: Robert Montgomery is listed as a "New Life Member" in the September-October 1963 issue of *Topical Time*. He moved from Wyoming, New York, several years ago, and his new mailing address is 4138 Miller Road, Warsaw, NY 14569.]

Beverly S. Ridgely (ATA #315, LM#696)

"I started bird-watching at the age of six, and soon thereafter I was collecting birds on stamps. I joined ATA while Homer Jones was president, and I was soon communicating with Willard Stanley which eventually led to the publication of ATA Handbook #82 *Birds of the World on Stamps* in 1974. Following Willard Stanley's death, Gustavus Eglajs and I co-authored ATA Handbook #106 in 1982 entitled *Birds of the World in Philately*, and the first supplement in 1986. It may be hard to believe, but I never personally met my co-authors, or Bruce Cruikshank who authored the second supplement; however, through correspondence and occasional telephone conversations, I got to know them all very well.

Many of my correspondents still think I am a woman because of my first name, was a popular boys' name when I grew up." [Editor's Note: Dr. Beverly Ridgely until his recent retirement as a professor in the Department of French Studies at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. His summer mailing address is P.O. Box 121, Center Sandwich, NH 03227.]

Dr. Ernest V. Smith (ATA #3)

"I have always been very proud to be ATA #3. I remember asking Jerry to enroll me as a member and assuring him that I would send him a check. Later I assisted Jerry by submitting promotional material to various magazines to recruit new members. Sorry that I can't make the Milwaukee show. I have trouble getting around; guess I'm just too old." [Editor's Note: Dr. Ernest Smith, a surgeon of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, was featured in a story appearing in the *Milwaukee Sentinel* of June 11, 1961, as the proud owner of a space cover flown by and autographed by astronaut Alan B. Shepard. His mailing address is W4416 Mary Hill Park, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935.]

Alan L. Steffen (ATA #550, LM #43)

"I was collecting insects on stamps when I joined ATA, and I still maintain my collection of insects on stamps. I am especially appreciative of the assistance I have received over the years from both ATA and the ATA Biology Unit." [Editor's Note: Alan Steffen's mailing address is 303 Hickory Bend, Belleville, IL 62223.]

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George May (ATA #570, LM#290)

[According to our information, George May resides at 2711 Avenue J., Brooklyn, NY 11210. However, we have not been able to obtain a telephone number for George May, and he has not responded to our several letters. We hope that someone will help us locate George May.]

August H. Pritzlaff (ATA #307, LM#28)

[August Pritzlaff served as ATA Sales Department Director from 1958 to 1965, and his wife, Joan, is also member #5634, LM#112. Their summer home is at 1215 South Chestnut Street, Princeton, IL 61356. But we have been unable to locate their winter residence, and so we have not been able to speak with either August and Joan.]

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# ATA Presidents



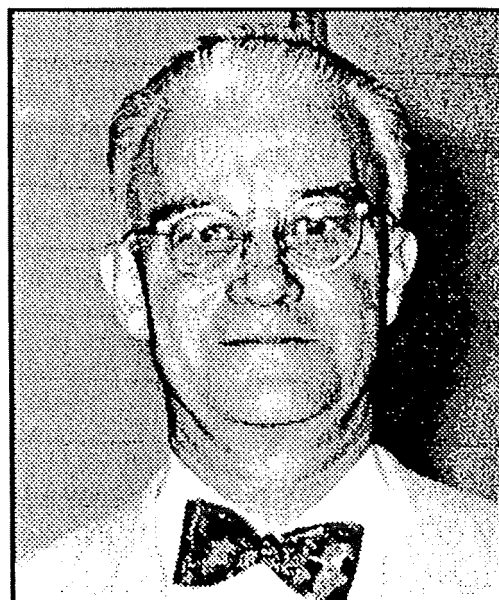
"We should never rest on our laurels."  
1950-1953 President Charles J. Keenan  
of Portland, Oregon.



"We shall send the rays of light  
unto all parts of the world."  
1954-1955 President Homer L. Jones  
of Johnstown, Pennsylvania



"Our growth is due to the most wonderful  
cooperation of our members"  
1956-1957 President Allyn H. Wright  
of New York City



"We are destined to be the greatest  
organization in philately."  
1958-1961 President Harvey E. Johnson  
of Elmhurst, Illinois

## Executive Secretary / Executive Directors

1949-1984 Jerome Husak  
1984-1995 Donald W. Smith  
1995-1998 Douglas A. Kelsey  
1998- Present David W. Tipton

## ATA Treasurers

1952-1961 Jerome Husak  
1962-1965 Ennis C. Cleveland  
1965-1978 Edwin B. Glaubitz  
1979-1987 June A. Hellman  
1988-1991 Donald Brenke  
David A. Kent





1953 Photograph of ATA Leaders Includes (left to right)  
 Charles Keenan (president 1950-1953); Homer Jones  
 (president 1954-1955); Allyn Wright (president 1956-1957);  
 Catherine Caspary (secretary 1954-1955 and 1962-1963);  
 Jerry Husak (executive director 1949-1984); and (in back)  
 John Groet (president 1962-1963).



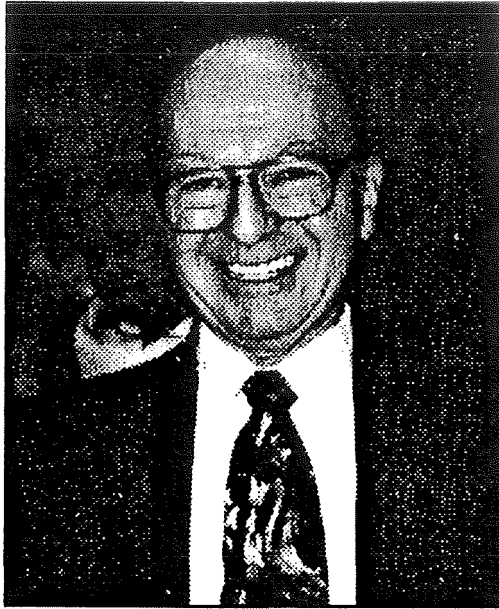
"The challenge that confronts us is to  
 encourage topical collecting"  
 1962-1963 President John H. Groet  
 of West Bend, Indiana



"ATA cannot maintain leadership without  
 exhibiting rules and regulations."  
 1964-1967 President Margaret R. Hackett  
 of Yonkers, New York

#### ATA Secretaries

1949-1953	Ruth E. Mueller	1968-1975	Dorothy Fordham Smith
1954-1955	Catherine D. Caspary	1976-1979	Mary Ann Owens
1956-1961	Margaret R. Hackett	1980-1983	Judith E. Barna
1962-1963	Catherine D. Caspary	1984-1995	Dorothy C. Smith
1964-1967	Henry Peterson	1996-	Dalcne Thomas



"Help yourself by taking advantage of every service ATA makes available."  
1968-1971 President Fred Korotkin  
of Minneapolis, Minnesota



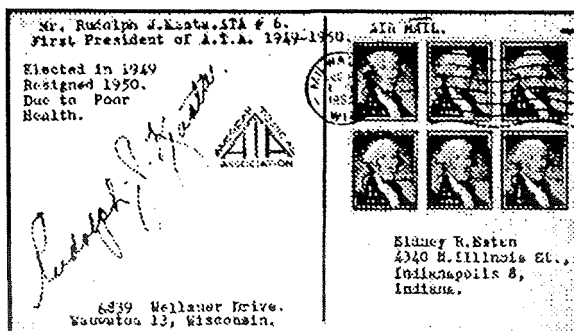
"A study of topical exhibits will yield information and valuable suggestions."  
1972-1975 President Henry R. Peterson  
of Minneapolis, Minnesota



"We must be proud of our heritage, placing before us images of better things to come."  
1976-1979 President George H. Griffenhagen  
of Vienna, Virginia



"Every member should consider themselves as a committee of the whole."  
1980-1983 President Donald W. Smith  
of Johnstown, Pennsylvania



Rudolph J. Kasta of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, served as first ATA president (1949-1950) but had to resign for health reasons. No portrait photo is available, but here is Kasta's autograph on a cover created by Sidney Esten.



"ATA Units give us a deeper insight into the various aspects of thematic philately."  
1984-1987 President Alan J. Hanks  
of Aurora, Ontario, Canada



"ATA has always encouraged the idea that topical collecting is worldwide in scope."  
1988-1991 President David A. Kent  
of New Britain, Connecticut



"A feature of topicals is that everyone is free to collect whatever they want."  
1992-1995 President Donald G. Beuthel  
of Denver, Colorado



"Try letting your enthusiasm take over; think about how you might help ATA."  
Current President Dorothy C. Smith  
of Alexandria, Virginia

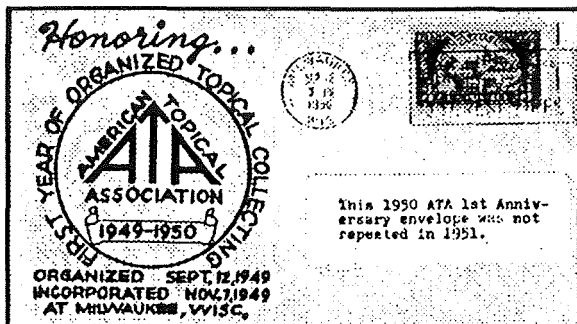
#### ATA First Vice Presidents

1949-1951	Frank H. Benjert	1971-1975	George Griffenhagen
1952-1955	Allyn H. Wright	1976-1979	Melvin Garabrant
1956-1957	Willard F. Stanley	1980-1983	Donald Brenke
1958-1963	Edward J. Flath	1984-1991	Donald G. Beuthel
1964-1967	Fred Korotkin	1992-1998	Hugh W. Johnston
1968-1971	Ashton J. Humiston	1998-	David E. Nye



# ATA Conventions 1950-1998

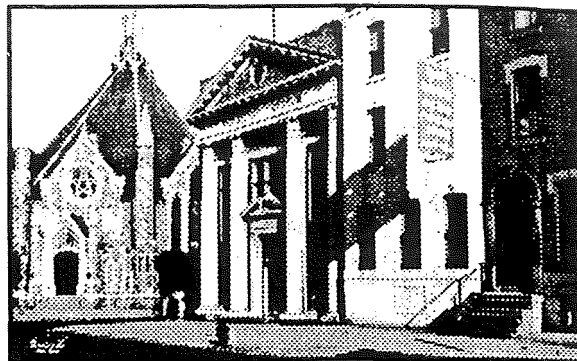
This pictorial presentation reviews each ATA convention and exhibition from -1950 to 1998. As early as January-February 1950, ATA co-sponsored a 200-frame non-competitive topical stamp exhibition in Philadelphia, and ATA's Second Topical Exhibition was held March 2-4, 1951, in Camden, New Jersey, in conjunction with SOJEX.



ATA's First Anniversary was observed with this cacheted cover cancelled in Milwaukee on September 12, 1950, one year to the day of ATA's founding. Then on September 17, 1950, ATA's first anniversary was celebrated at a Regional Convention at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago, with members from six states in attendance.



The First ATA National Convention & Exhibition, called TOPEX, was held June 20-22, 1952, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the Fort Stanwix Hotel, hosted by Johnstown Stamp Club; Homer L. Jones served as general chairman. There were only four dealers in the Philadelphia hut the Philadelphia WP:rf 249 (ninP:-mure) libiti -t:ra- s- i-th 56- hibits -- - r - .



The 1953 ATA Convention and Exhibition was held June 19-21 at the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (shown here). It was hosted by the Museum and the Philadelphia ATA Chapter #6, with William M. Wilson as general chairman. There were 300 (nine-page) exhibition frames with 76 adult and 20 junior exhibits. The exhibition remained on view in the Museum until July 20, 1953.



This cover was used for the 1954 ATA Convention and Exhibition which convened June 18-20 in Dayton, Ohio, at the Miami Hotel. It was hosted by the Dayton Philatelic Society, and Carl Soendlin served as the general chairman. There was a Bourse of 16 dealers, and 150 (nine-page) exhibition frames and 46 exhibitors.



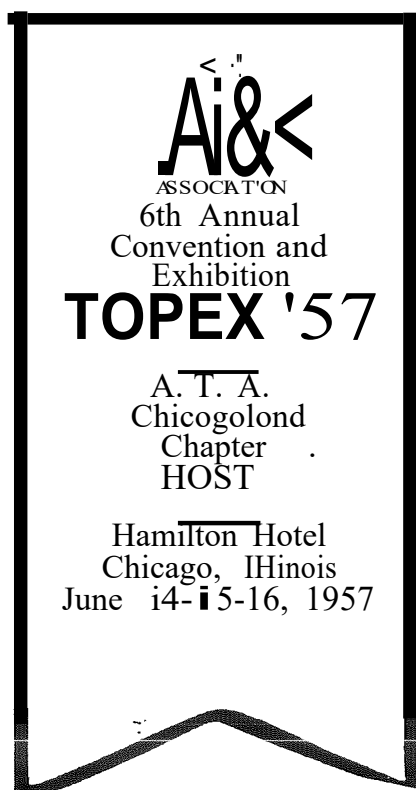
ATA President Homer Jones and TOPEX General Chairman Dessie E. Bodamer (left)

buys stamps at the postal station from TOPEX post-mistress Hazel C. Liams during the 1955 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 17-19 in Decatur, Illinois, at the Hotel Orlando; it was hosted by the Decatur Stamp Club. There were 252 (nine-page) exhibition frames with 88 exhibits, and a Bourse of 14 dealers.

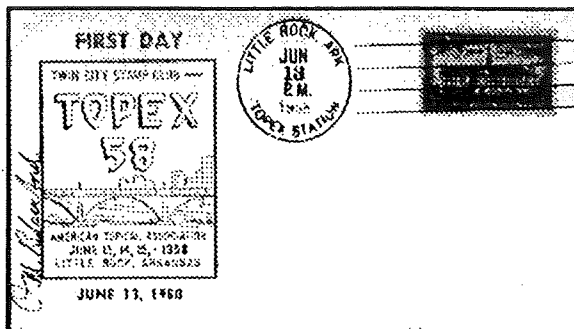
The 1956 ATA Convention and Exhibition was held June 15-17 in Detroit, Michigan, at the Hotel Tuller hosted by the ATA Greater Detroit Chapter #14. James C. Gardner served as general chairman, and there were 323 (nine-page) exhibition frames with 96 exhibits, as well as the First Court of



Honor. Those depicted in the photograph taken at TOPEX '56 are (standing, left to right) Sidney Esten, Leonard Zeller, Walter Sievers, Edward Flath, and Lawrence Husak. Those seated (left to right) include Harold F. Rayl, Gertrude Husak, Mildred Soendlin, Theresa Smith, Florence Williams, and Carl Soendlin.



members convened at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois; for the 1957 ATA Convention and Exhibition, June 14-16, wearing this ribbon. The meeting was hosted by the ATA Chicagoland Chapter #15, and Joseph A. Hudec served as general chairman. There were 250 (nine-page) exhibition frames, with 85 exhibits.

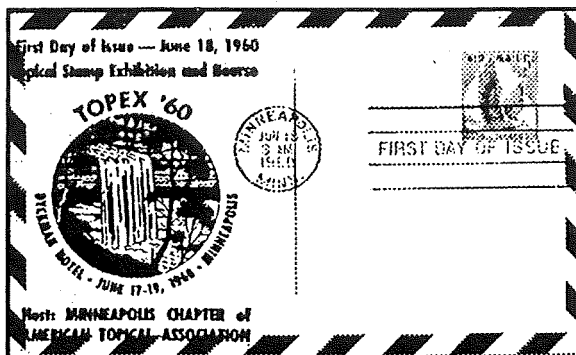


The 1958 ATA Convention and Exhibition was held June 13-15 in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the La Fayette Hotel, hosted by the Twin City Stamp Club. O. M. Blackford served as general chairman, and autographed the cover shown here. There were 250 (nine-page) frames with 52 exhibits. For the first time, the Grand Award went to an exhibitor from outside the U.S. (see listing of Grand Award winners on page 50).

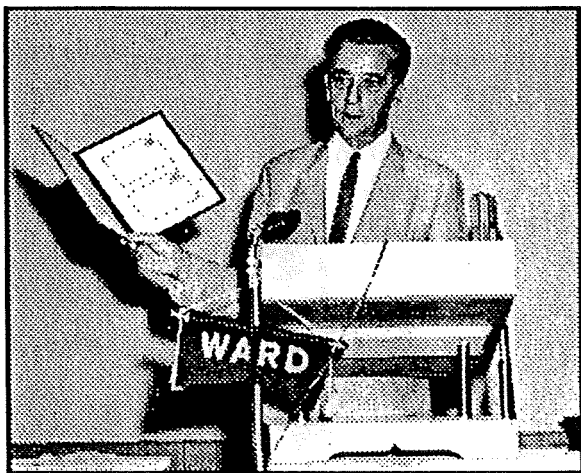


ATA president Harvey Johnson and Jerry Husak cut the birthday cake at ATA's Tenth Anniversary Convention and Exhibition which was held June 19-21, 1959, in New York City at the Sheraton McAlpin Hotel. It was jointly hosted by the ATA New York Area Chapter #3 and the ATA New Jersey Chapter #17, with Leonard m serving as general chairman. There were 85 exhibits in

212 (16-page) exhibition frames, and for first time a first day of issue ceremony was held at a TOPEX for the 14 denominations of postage due stamps (Scott J88-J101).



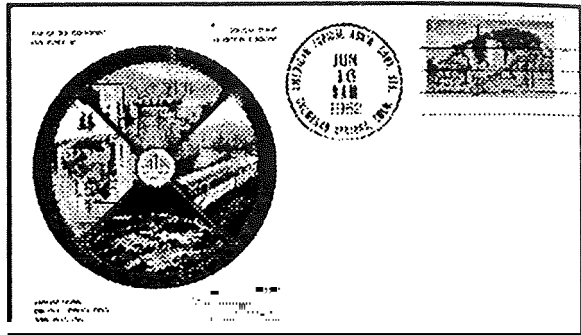
First day of issue ceremonies were held for the U.S. airmail postal card (Scott UXC3) at the 1960 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 17-19 at the Dykman Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was hosted by the ATA Minneapolis Chapter #28, and Levi M. Hall served as general chairman; the banquet speaker was Stanley Hodziewich, curator of the U.S. Post Office Philatelic Exhibits. There were 62 exhibits in 225 exhibition frames.



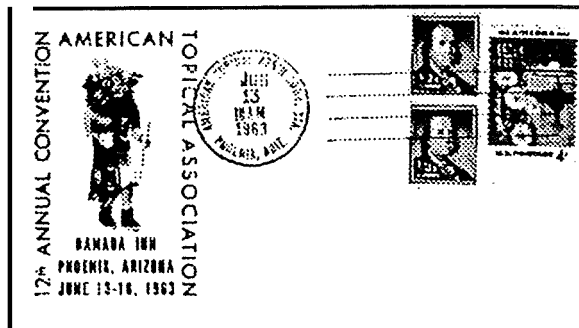
Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., presided at the first day of issue ceremonies for the It-cent air lettersheet (Scott UC35) at the 1961 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 16-18 at the Johnstown Masonic Temple in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Homer L. Jones served as general chairman, and there were 82 exhibits in 366 exhibition frames.



The TOPEX '61 general commiuee included (seated left to right) Reuben Zettle, Curtis Paessler, general chairman Homer L. Jones, and Myrtle I. Watt. Standing (left to right) Paul Hirpupsky, Ralph W. Conley, and Henry M. Walter. Not shown are George Alstetter, Alma Cramer, and Donald W. Smith who was the photographer.



ATA members traveled to Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the 1962 ATA Convention and Exhibition, held June 15-17, and hosted by three organizations: the Colorado Springs Stamp Club, the Air Academy Stamp Association, and the Kit Carson Stamp Club. The convention used the Antlers Hotel, and John H. Jeffus and Zeta Zimmerman served as co-general chairmen. There were 73 exhibits in 300 frames.



Kachina dolls, made by Hopi Chief White Bear, were presented to all first place exhibit winners at the 1963 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 13-16 at the Ramada Inn in Phoenix, Arizona. It was hosted by the Arizona Society of Topical Philatelists (ATA Chapter#13), and Robert E. Ditzler served as general chairman. There were 105 exhibits in 400 frames; each frame held only six album pages.

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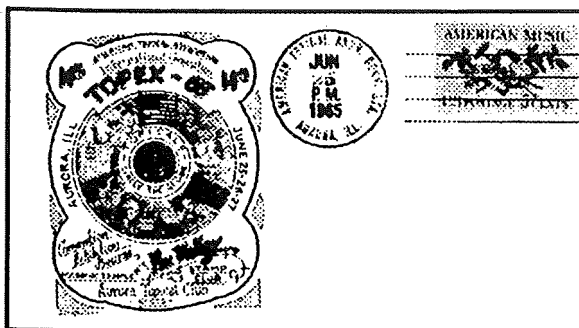
12th Annual International Convention and Exhibition

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AMERICAN  
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## The Convention

Exhibition celebrated ATA's 15th anniversary June 19-21 in Camden, New Jersey, at the Wah Whitman Hotel. It was hosted by the ATA Philadelphia Chapter #6, and Melvin J. Andrews served as general chairman. A highlight of the meeting was "ATA Day" at the New York World's Fair on June 22. There were 304 exhibition frames of 12 pages each, and 67 exhibits.



The 1965 ATA Convention and Exhibition was held June 25-27 in Aurora, Illinois, at the Aurora Hotel and the Masonic Temple. The hosts were the ATA Aurora Topical Chapter #40, and the Fox Valley Stamp Club, with Ashton J. Humiston as general chairman. There were 79 exhibits in 237 (nine-page) exhibition frames.

## AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION TOPEX '66

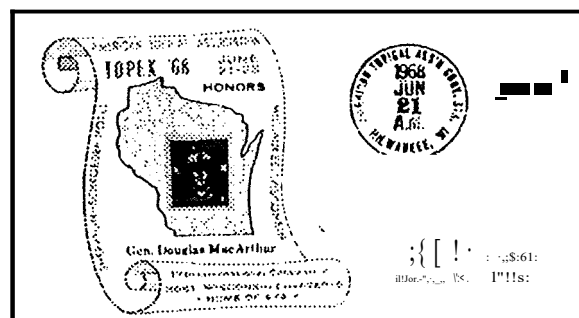


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It was at the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in Weston, Massachusetts, that ATA members assembled for the 1966 ATA Convention and Exhibition held June 24-26, 1966. Attendees stayed at the Charter House Motel, and Arthur B. Crowell, Jr. served as general chairman. There were 53 exhibits 175 (sixteen-page) exhibition frames.



Henry Peterson (left) and Lawrence ("Pop") Husak enjoy themselves at the 1967 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 23-25 in Rochester, New York, at the Manger Hotel. The gathering was hosted by the Rochester Philatelic Society, and Dorothy Fordham Smith served as general chairman. There were 51 exhibits in 119 (sixteen-page) exhibition frames.



It was back to the birthplace of ATA for the 1968 Convention and Exhibition held June 21-23 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the Sheraton Schroeder Hotel. Hosted by the ATA Wisconsin Chapter #5, Clarence Beltmann served as general chairman. There were 64 exhibits coming from Belgium, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, South Africa, Sweden, and U.S., in 300 (nine-page) exhibit frames. This was the first time that Canada Post operated a postal station at TOPEX.



ATA president Fred Korotkin and Jerry Husak cut the 20th birthday at the 1969 ATA Convention and Exhibition





*Muskegon — replica of the General Knox mansion, Falmouth, Maine*

## Convention

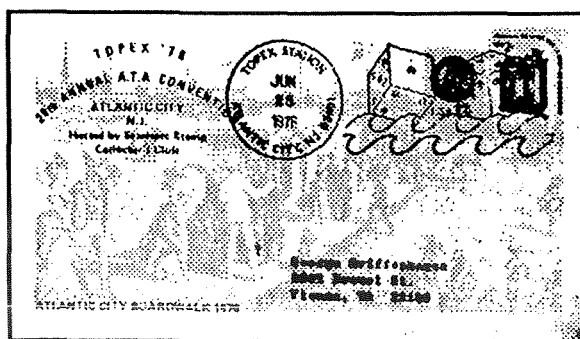
Exhibition, called UNPEX-TOPEX '75, was held June 27-29 in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Radisson Cornhusker Hotel. Hosted by the Lincoln Stamp Club (ATA Chapter #46), Walter L. Knight served as general chairman. There were 39 exhibits in 251 exhibit frames.



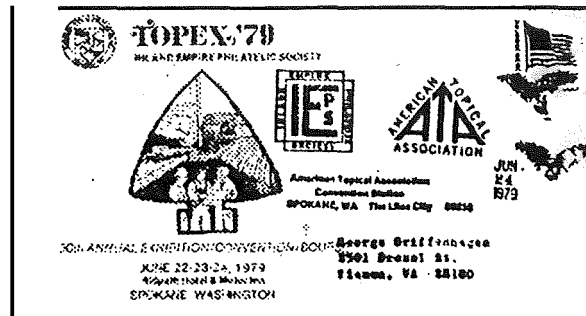
For the first time, ATA did not hold its own exhibition at the ATA Annual Convention in 1976 which was held in conjunction with INTERPHIL '76. ATA sessions were held June 4-6 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Francisco Crestana of Brazil was keynote speaker for the ATA convention.



Jerry and Sally Husak enjoy themselves at the 1977 ATA Convention and Exhibition held June 17-19 in Dallas, Texas, at the Marriott Hotel. Hosted by the North Texas Philatelic Association with the theme "Six Flags Over Texas," Sam Wilkinson III served as general chairman. Astronaut Henry Hartsfield was the keynoter, and there were 48 exhibits in 300 exhibit frames,



ATA members rolled the dice at the 1978 ATA Convention and Exhibition held June 23-27 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the Ocean One Motel. Hosted by the Seashore Stamp Collectors Club, George Prague served as general chairman. There were 36 exhibits in 150 exhibit frames.



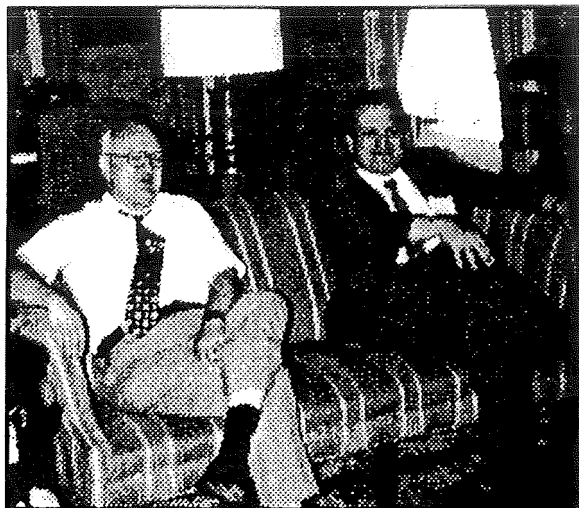
ATA members traveled to the northwest for the 1979 ATA Convention and Exhibition held June 22-24 in Spokane, Washington, at the Ridpath Hotel. Hosted by the Inland Empire Philatelic Society, Al Seeber served as general chairman, and Hugh W. Johnston was vice chairman. There were 50 exhibits in 398 exhibit frames.



Herman "Pat" Herst was the awards banquet speaker at the 1980 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 20-22 in Portland, Maine, at the Holiday Inn. Maine Philatelic Society again hosted the meeting with Earle C. Brooks as general chairman. There were 43 exhibits in 276 exhibit frames.

Giancarlo Morolli of Italy, keynoter at the 1981 ATA Convention and Exhibition, visits with Jerry Husak. The convention was held June 26-28 in Chicago, Illinois, at the Palmer House. Hosted by the ATA Chicagoland Chapter #15, Armin Kusswurm served as general chairman. In addition to the first ever literature exhibit, there were 76 thematic exhibits in 342 (sixteen-page) exhibit frames.





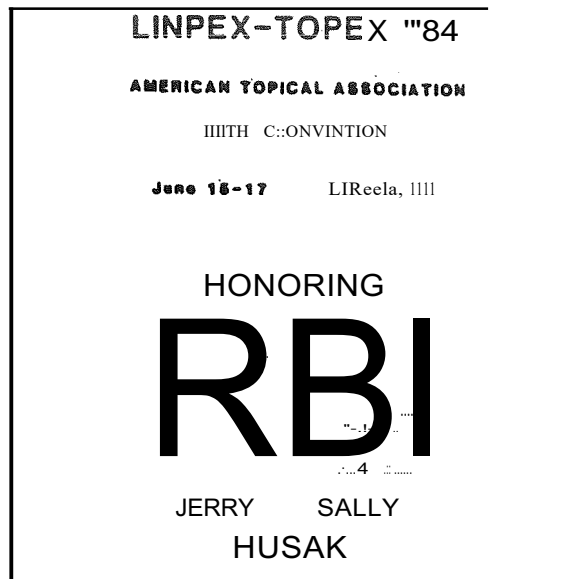
Donald W. Smith, Donald Brenke, and Arlene Crosby staff the ATA table at the 1982 ATA Annual Convention at BALPEX in



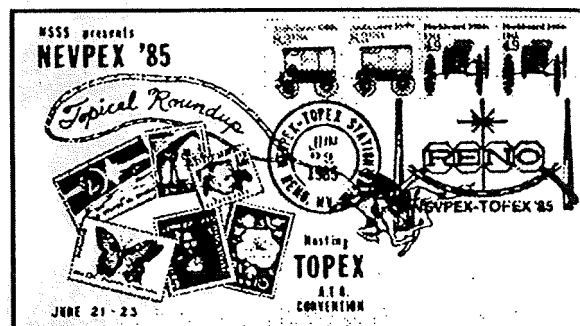
Hunt Valley, suburb of Baltimore, Maryland, on September 5. The 1982 ATA convention and exhibition was to be held June 25-27 in Anaheim, California, but it was cancelled, and ATA was unable to hold its own exhibition.



Dottie Smith beams at her exhibit on Castles during TEXANEX-TOPEX '83, the name for the 1983 ATA Convention Exhibition. It was held June 17-19 in San Antonio, Texas, at the Four Seasons Hotel. Hosted by the San Antonio Philatelic Association, John Taddy served as general chairman. There were 47 exhibits in 230 exhibit frames. In addition, first day of issue ceremonies were held for the U.S. 1984 Olympic Games block (*Scott C101-C104*).



Jerry and Sally Husak were honored in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the 1984 ATA Convention and Exhibition held June 15-17 at the Hilton Hotel. Entitled LINPEX-TOPEX '84, and hosted by the Lincoln Stamp Club, Kenneth Pruess served as general chairman. There were 33 exhibits in 150 exhibit frames.



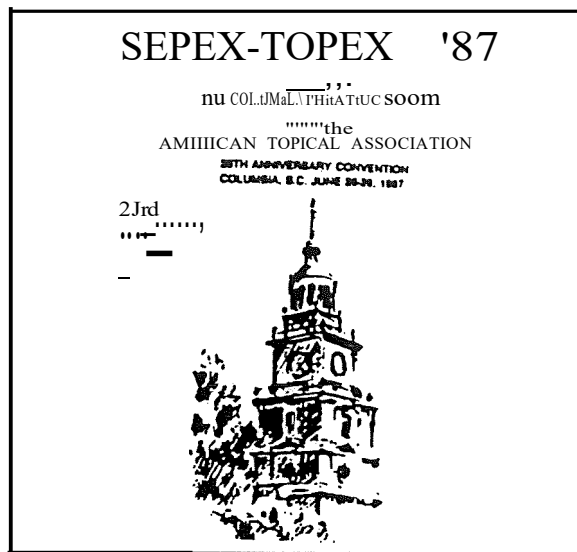
First day of issue ceremonies for the Ambulance 1860s and Buckboard 1880s bulk rate transportation coils (*Scott 2124 and 2128*) were held at the 1985 ATA Convention and Exhibition June 21-23 in Reno, Nevada, at the Riverside Hotel. Held under the name of NEVPEx-TOPEX '85, it was hosted by the Nevada Stamp Study Society, and Richard Dreiling served as show chairman. There were 33 exhibits in 200 exhibit frames.



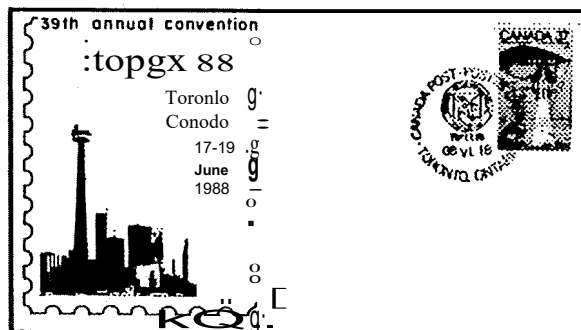
Just as ATA INTERPHIL 1976, the 1986 Annual Convention was held with-



out its own exhibition. met conjunction with '86 in Rosemont, Illinois, May 30 to June 1 at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel. Francesca Rapkin of Great Britain addressed the special ATA luncheon.



The 1987 ATA Convention and Exhibition was held June 26 to June 28 in Columbia, South Carolina, at the Radisson Hotel. Hosted by the Columbia Philatelic Society in conjunction with the 23rd Southeastern Philatelic Exhibition, hence the name of of SEPEX-TOPEX '87; Harry McDowell served as general chairman. There were 34 exhibits in 140 exhibit frames.

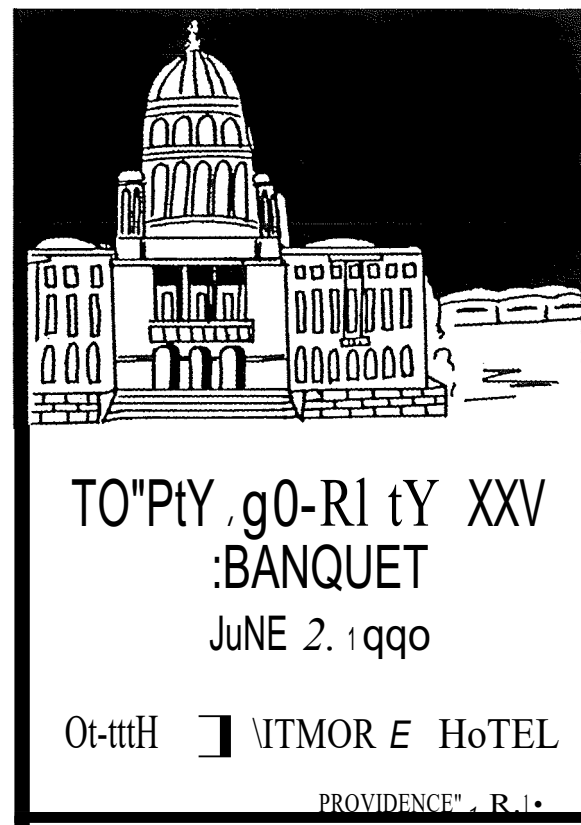


It was back to Canada for the 1988 ATA Convention and Exhibition held June 17-19 in Toronto at the Sheraton Centre. Alan J. Hanks served as general chairman of the show which was held in conjunction with the first annual meeting of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association. There were 31 exhibits in 145 exhibit frames.

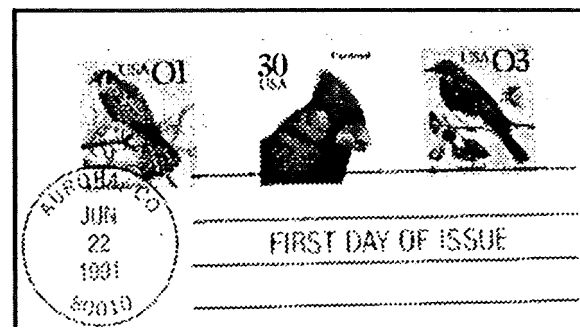
ATA president David Kent and executive director Donald W. Smith head for the 1989 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 16-18 in Spokane, Washington, at the Ridpath Hotel. Hosted by the Inland Empire Philatelic Society, Albert Seeber served as general chairman. This show was the first to qualify for the APS World Series of



This is the banquet program for TOPEX '90 at RIPEX XXV which was the name for the 1990 ATA Convention and Exhibition



held June 1-3 in Providence, Rhode Island, at the Omni Biltmore Hotel. Hosted by the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, Kenneth Woodbury served as general chairman. There were 59 exhibits in 217 exhibit frames.



A first day of issue ceremony was held for three U.S. bird stamps: the sparrow hawk

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(*Scou* 2481 ), the bluebird (*Scott* 2482), and

exhibit frames.

the cardinal (Scott 2489) at the 1991 ATA

**Convention and Exhibition held June 2!**  
in Aurora, Colorado, at the Radisson Hotel.  
Hosted by the Topical Philatelists in  
Colorado, the theme was "A Mil High  
Philatelic Experience," and Donald G.  
Beuthel served as general chairman. There  
were 38 exhibits in 200 exhibit frames.



Members attending a luncheon at the 1992 ATA Annual Convention received a copy of this special Guernsey first day cover in keeping with the theme of the World Columbian Stamp Exposition in Rosemont, Illinois. Meeting without its own exhibition, ATA's sessions were held May 29-31 at the Radisson Suite Hotel with eight special lectures, and meetings of 16 affiliates. Daniel Olsen presented an address at the ATA luncheon.

## TOPEX '93

44th Annual ATA Convention  
Saluting  
America's Dairy Industry



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The Waukesha County Philatelic Society  
June 1-3, 1993

The Grand Milwaukee Hotel  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The 1993 ATA Convention and Exhibition, saluting America's dairy industry, was held June 25-27 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. Hosted by the Waukesha County Philatelic Society, Robert Mather served as general chairman. There were 43 exhibits in 200 exhibit frames. A first day of issue ceremony was also held for the red squirrel booklet (Scott 2489).

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## TOPEX '94

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Omaha Philatelic Society  
at Holiday Inn Central, Omaha, Nebraska  
July 17 to 19, 1994

**With Emphasis on the Plains Indians**



Brule Sioux Chief Mollou Horn Bear

## TOPEX '94

In the 45th Annual Convention of the  
American Topical Association

A tribute to the Plains Indians was the theme for the 1994 ATA Convention and Exhibition which was held June 17-19 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Holiday Inn Central. Hosted by the Omaha Philatelic Society, Robert C. Loeck served as general chairman. There were 28 exhibits in 166 exhibit frames.



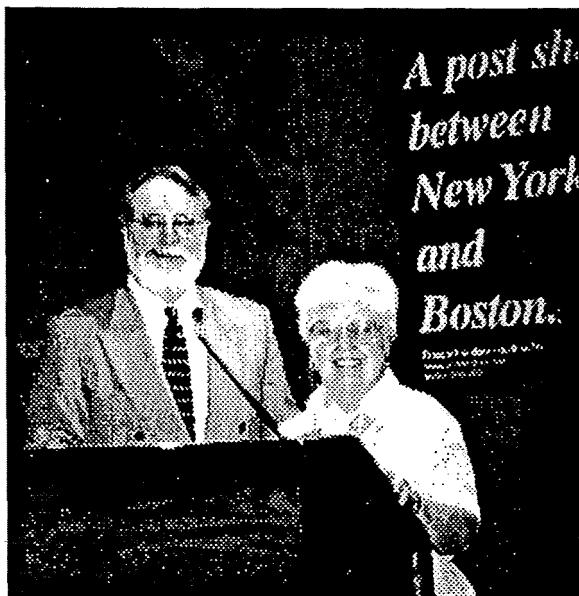
First day of issue ceremonies for the U.S. peaches and pears stamps (Scott 2487-2488), were held at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno, Nevada, July 7-9 during TOPEX-NEVPEX '95, the name for the 1995 ATA Convention and Exhibition. Hosted by the Nevada Stamp Study Society, Ruthe Dreiling served as general chairman. There were 38 exhibits in 185 exhibit frames.

The 1996 ATA Convention and Exhibition was held July 10-12 in Dallas, Texas, at the Medallion Hotel. Hosted by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation, the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library, and

14 North Texas stamp clubs, Larry Sail served as general chairman. There were 42 exhibits in 180 exhibit frames.



Among the many special symposia at the 1997 ATA Annual Convention held in conjunction with PACIFIC 97 in San Francisco, California, was "Thematics Around the World" with moderator Ann Triggles and left to right Bernard Jimenez of France; Giancarlo Morolli of Italy; Margaret Morris of Great Britain; Gunnar Dahlgren of Sweden; and Ruden Reis Kley of Brazil. ATA sessions were held June 6-8 at the King George Hotel and the San Francisco Convention Center.



ATA members were greeted by museum director James H. Bruns and ATA president Dorothy C. Smith for a reception at the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., during the 1998 ATA Convention and Exhibition. Under a new title of the National Topical Stamp Show, and the first to be organized exclusively by ATA, sessions were held July 17-19 in Falls Church, Virginia, at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel. David Kent served as convention chairman, and there were 40 exhibits in 200 frames.

## Appointed Service Directors

Among the first service directors were those for Sales (variously titled Sales Manager, Sales Department, or Sales Service) and Publicity (later titled Public Relations). Ellen Jensen (Mrs. Werner Heuer) served as the first sales service director from 1951 to 1957, followed by August Pritzlaff (1958-1965); Robert Kante (1966-1980); Jack Czephyla (1981-1990); and Frank Fernandez from 1991 to 1994 when the Sales Service was discontinued.

Homer Jones served as first Publicity (Public Relations) Chairman, followed by John Groet and Walter Sievers (1954-1960); Walter Sievers (1961-1969); Edna Cummins (1970-1976); Mark Weiner (1977-1981); George Griffenhagen (1982-1991); and Katrina Everhart (1992-1998).

Membership Recruitment was identified as a need for a service director in 1954 with Francis Catt serving from 1954 to 1955, followed by E. C. Cleveland (1956-1965); Karl Keldenich (1966-1976); Cyril Ranshoert (1978-1980); Dona Joquet (1981-1984); and Stephen Luster (1986-1988). After 1988, membership recruitment has been a responsibility of the ATA Board of Directors.

By 1956, there were enough Study Units and Chapters to warrant special service directors. Edward Flath served as Unit director from 1956 to 1958, followed by Louis Sievert (1959-1961); Fred Campbell (1961-1967); Ashton Humiston (1968-1971); George Griffenhagen (1972-1976); Donald Smith (1977-1981); and Donald Brenke, 1982 to the present.

Harvey Johnson served as the first Chapters director from 1956 to 1959, followed by Fred Korotkin (1960-1965); Lawrence DeMars (1966-1967); Frances Wickerd (1968-1975); Melvin Garabrant (1976-1980); Alan Hanks (1981-1984); David Kent (1985-1987); Hugh Johnston (1988-1998); and David Nyc, 1998 to the present.

Slide-Lecture programs were introduced in 1954 with Ray Fillingham serving until 1957, followed by E. C. Lawrence (1958-1961); Lester Kufahl (1962-1965); Mary Ann Owens (1966-1971); Evelyn Ramlow (1972-1973); Sam Wilkinson III (1974-1984); and Frank Gomba, 1985 to the present.

Youth Activities took center stage in 1958 with Myrtle Watt serving as service director from 1958 to 1959, followed by Charles Diamant (1966-1976); Scott Selman (1977-1984); Melvin Garabrant (1985-1994); John Luong (1995-1997); and MaryAnn Bowman, 1998 to the present.

An ATA Awards program was introduced

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in 1960 as service director until 1965, followed by Jack Green (1966-1980); Arlene Crosby (1981-1995); and Donald Smith, 1996 to the present.

A Claims Service was introduced in 1962 with I. V. Cohen serving as director until 1965, followed by Fred Campbell (1966-1971); Merryl Sicherman (1972-1976); Wayne Hassel (1977-1980); Michael Knapp (1981-1987); and Fred Campbell, 1988 to the present.

A Convention & Exhibition Committee was introduced in 1962 by Margaret Hackett who served as chairman until 1976, followed by Walter Knight (1978-1981); Dorothy Smith (1984-1992); and David Detrich (1992-1997).

The Information Service and Translation Service were introduced in 1968. David Chessman served as Information Service director until 1971, followed by William Luetge (1972-1976); and Edna Cummins (1977-1989). The Translation Service was introduced by Camillus Casey who served until 1980, followed by Dymetro Bykovetz, Jr., 1982 to the present.

A Judges Committee was proposed by Homer Jones in 1962, but it wasn't until 1972 that George Guzzio made the Judges Accreditation Committee a reality serving as chairman until 1998. Alan Hanks is the new service director. The Heirs & Estates Service was also introduced in 1972 with Glen Larson serving as director until 1976, followed by Judith Barna (1977-1985); Mildred Higgins (1986-1990); and David Downey (1991-1994).

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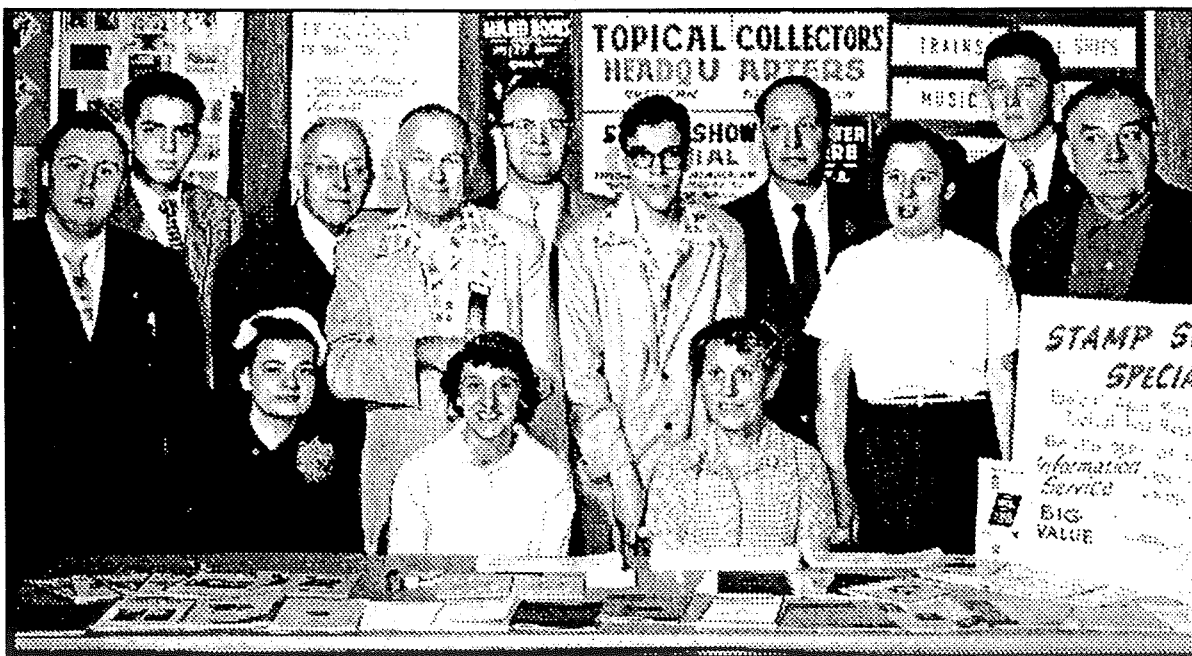
Service director from 1972 to 1990, while Anthony Jacque served as Librarian from 1954 to 1956. Sidney Esten served as Historian from 1960 to 1965, followed by Harvey Johnson (1966-1976); and Homer Jones (1977-1995).

### Other Milestones

ATA was incorporated as a non-profit educational organization on November 7, 1949. The ATA triangular logo was introduced in 1958, and the circular ATA logo, designed by K. T. Kom, was introduced in 1970. The Philatelic Code of Ethics was introduced in 1979, and ATA was granted 501(c)(3) tax status in 1982. ATA affiliated with APS in 1987.

### ATA Second Vice Presidents

1949-1951	Allyn H. Wright
1952-1953	Homer L. Jones
1954-1957	John H. Groet
1958-1960	Louis K. Sievert
1960-1961	Frederick H. Campbell
1962-1963	Fred Korotkin
1964-1967	Frederick H. Campbell
1968-1971	Henry Peterson
1972-1975	Lauren R. Januz
1976-1983	Sam Wilkinson III
1984-1987	David A. Kent
1988-1991	Hugh W. Johnston
1992	Gary J. Kurylo (resigned)
1993-1998	David A. Detrich
1998-	Caroline V. Scannell

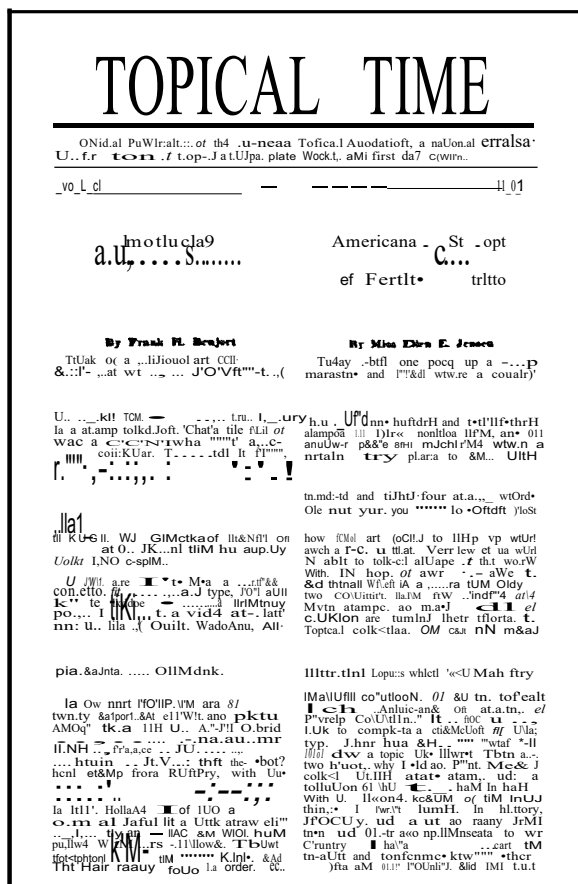


ATA Lounge at the 1956 ASDA Show in New York City include (at table) Clifford Fink, Margaret Wurtz, Margaret Hackett; (standing) Richard Bruder, Gilbert Einstein, Stephen Rich, Allyn Wright, Jerry

Husak, Allen Wright, Ira Seebacher, Catherine Caspary, Donald Mahoney, and James Clayton.

## Topical Time Milestones

The first issue of *TopicalTime* appeared in late 1949 as an eight-page quarterly with articles on Religion by Frank Benjert; Americana by Ellen Jensen, and collecting First Day Covers by Allyn Wright. A full page advertisement sold for \$15.00.



sons. A "Junior Page" was introduced in by Hany E. Hactlter, and Melvin Garabrant's "Youth Activities" column ran from 1975 to 1996. A "Topical Publications" column was introduced by Frank Baldwin in 1954, and George Griffenhagen has authored "Publication Reviews" since 1973. Joan Bleakley launched the Checklist Service in 1986. David Detrich introduced the "Topical Postal Stationery" column in-1992, and Allan Hauck introduced the "Topics on Postmarks" column the same year. Donald Beuthel introduced the popular "Helpline" column in 1996.

*Topical Time* editors over the years have included:

1949-1977	Jerome Husak
1977-1981	Ann Shoemake
1981	Barbara Mueller
1981-1987	Fred Foldvary
1987-1992	Glen Crago
1992-	George Griffenhagen

## Membership

Within five months of its founding, ATA had 408 members, and in May 1950, the membership stood at 641. By September 1960, membership had soared to 5,384 members.

making it the second largest U.S. philatelic

magazine. Since 1949, *Topical Time* has published a total of 21,500 pages of topical information.

"Clearinghouse of Knowledge" appeared from 1952 until 1968 authored by Clare McAlister, followed by Edna B. Cummins who authored the oocular column from 1968 to 1995 when she had to drop it for health rea-

By the third issue (Summer 1950) the journal had grown to 24 pages, with the first appearance of "Jerry's Jottings" and "Topical New Issues." *Topical Time* went bimonthly commencing with the November-December 1950 issue of 36 pages. By 1952, six bimonthly issue provided 144 pages; this annual output increased to 244 pages in 1954, and 340 pages in 1956. The 50th issue appeared in July-August 1958 as a 48-page issue; in 1962 it increased to 64-pages per issue; and in 1964 there were 72-pages per issue. Whole #100 appearing in November-December 1966 offered 84 pages, and *Topical Time* featured 88-pages per issue in 1968 which was described as the "largest in history." This record was broken with the September-October 1969 issue with the first 92-page

society. Membership reached 10,881 in 1975, an all time high. Membership then slipped to 8,908 in 1977; 6,871 members in 1987; and 5,752 members in 1997.

Membership dues commenced at \$1.00. When *Topical Time* changed from a quarterly to bimonthly publication in 1950, dues were increased to \$2.00. It was another seven years before dues were increased to \$3.00, and another eleven years passed before they rose to \$4.00. Inflation forced the dues up to \$6.00 in 1975, \$8.00 in 1979, and \$10.00 in 1981. Today the dues are \$20.00.

Life membership moved slowly at first with only two in the first 18 months. There were 200 by 1960, and 800 by 1970. Life membership dues were \$25 in 1949; \$50 in 1959; \$75 in 1969, and \$400 today.

Membership recruitment drives were initiated the year that ATA was founded, and those recruiting the largest number of members during a year were awarded special prizes. Fred Korotkin holds the one year record by recruiting 60 members in 1956-1957, while Lauren Januz and Mark Winnegrad tied for second by each recruiting 59 members in a single year. Winnegrad holds the record for the largest number of total members; he recruited 333 members in eight winning years. Donald Brnke comes in second by recruiting 267 members in nine



winning years. See following chart recognizes our champion membership recruiters from 1950 to 1998.

ATA Champion Recruiters			
Campaign Yr.	Winner	No. Recruited	
1949-1950	Allyn M. Beard	(13 members)	
1950-1951	Charles J. Keenan	(45 members)	
1952	Willard F. Stanley	(35 members)	
1954	A. F. Jackson	(47 members)	
1955-1956	Tie: Clarence Beltman	(40 members)	
	Tie: Allyn H. Wright	(40 members)	
1956-1957	Fred Korotkin	(60 members)	
1957-1958	Mrs. U. C. Schmidt	(20 members)	
1958-1959	Alfred W. Oliphant, Jr.	(21 members)	
1959-1960	Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.	(26 members)	
1960-1961	Clarence Beltmann	(30 members)	
1961-1962	Milton K. Ozaki	(50 members)	
1962-1963	Milton K. Ozaki	(23 members)	
1963-1964	Charles S. Diamant	(23 members)	
1964-1965	Irving D. Lewis	(20 members)	
1965-1966	Charles S. Diamant	(20 members)	
1966-1967	Robell Roach	(29 members)	
1967-1968	John Swindinsky	(25 members)	
1968-1969	Mary Ann Owens	(31 members)	
1969-1970	Lauren R. Januz	(59 members)	
1970-1971	Jack H. Green	(18 members)	
1971-1972	Morris Raskin	(13 members)	
1972-1973	Joan Kovar	(36 members)	
1973-1974	M. W. Mallin	(41 members)	
1974-1975	M. W. Mallin	(18 members)	
1975-1976	Donald Brenke	(19 members)	
1976-1977	Donald Brenke	(23 members)	
1977-1978	Donald Brenke	(23 members)	
1978-1979	Kart Keldenich	(45 members)	
1979-1980	John Leugs	(12 members)	
1980-1981	Sam Wilkinson III	(18 members)	
1981-1982	Donald Brenke	(27 members)	
1982-1983	Donald W. Smith	(40 members)	
1983-1984	Donald Brenke	(42 members)	
1984-1985	Donald Brenke	(25 members)	
1985-1986	Donald Brenke	(23 members)	
1986-1987	Donald Brenke	(23 members)	
1987-1988	Donald Brenke	(46 members)	
1988-1989	Donald Brenke	(39 members)	
1989-1990	Mark H. Winnegrad	(39 members)	
1990-1991	Mark H. Winnegrad	(33 members)	
1991-1992	Mark H. Winnegrad	(41 members)	
1992-1993	Mark H. Winnegrad	(35 members)	
1993-1994	Mark H. Winnegrad	(43 members)	
1994-1995	Mark H. Winnegrad	(41 members)	
1995-1996	Mark H. Winnegrad	(42 members)	
1996-1997	Earl M. Lowenstein	(52 members)	
	Mark H. Winnegrad	(59 members)	

## Scope of Exhibits

There have been 2,411 thematic exhibits displayed at ATA exhibitions from 1952 to 1998. What themes have been displayed over the years?

The largest grouping of exhibits are People (specific by name and general by type) with 236 exhibits. However, the ten largest groups for more readily identifiable thematic groupings are Religion (157); Medical Sciences (131); Organizations (118); Sports (112); Animals (105); Americana (101); Music (93);

Botany (1); and Astronomy (69).

The second ten largest groups of exhibits include Fine Arts (60); Scouting (54); Insects (53); Architecture (50); Folklore (50); Philately (47); Railroads (46); Birds (41); Marine Life (41); and Aviation (41). Then comes Science (40); Explorers (39); Transportation (36); Maps (33); Geography (31); Literature (31); War (30); Costumes and Apparel (27); Occupations (25); Earth's

Physical Features (23); Mineralogy (23); Royalty (23); Archaeology (19); Games (16); Performing Arts (14); and Reptiles (10).

The list is divided into sub-topics identifying the total exhibits in each thematic group and the total exhibits in parenthesis for each sub-topic. Some exhibits have been included under two or more thematic classifications, while some exhibits are not included since their titles do not reveal the theme covered.

**Americana:** 101 exhibits including Chicago (1); Colorado (1); Constitution (3); Dwight Eisenhower (5); Famous Americans (6); Lyndon Johnson (1); John F. Kennedy (5); Liberty Bell (1); Abraham Lincoln (8); the *Mayflower* (1); Nebraska (1); New York (4); Old Glory (4); Eleanor Roosevelt (2); Franklin D. Roosevelt (27); Statue of Liberty (17); George Washington (1); Wisconsin (1); and Americana in general (12).

**Animals:** 105 exhibits including Antelopes (3); Bats (5); Camels (6); Cats (4); Dogs (18); Donkeys (1); Elephants (18); Horses (16); Lemurs (2); Lions (2); Pigs (1); Prehistoric (2); Rabbits (3); Tigers (3); Zoos (1); Whales (3); and various Animals (18).

**Archaeology:** 19 exhibits including Crete (1); Egyptology (8); Nubian monuments (6); Seals (1); and Tutankhamum (2).

**Architecture and Engineering:** 50 exhibits including Bridges (7); Buildings (3); Castles (4); Churches (10); Dams (1); Islamic architecture (1); Lighthouses (8); Mexican architecture (4); Orval Abbey (3); Panama Canal (1); Windmills (4); and general Architecture (4).

**Aviation:** 41 exhibits including Aeroflot (1); Aviation Pioneers (2); Balloons (1); Concorde (1); Ford Trimotor (1); Helicopters

(2); Jets (4); Charles Lindbergh (4); Lufthansa (1); Pan American Airways (1); Zeppelins (6); and general Aviation (17).

**Birds:** 41 exhibits including Biblical Birds (1); Birds of Prey (1); Chickens (2); Fowl (1); Kingfishers (1); Nests (2); Owls (6); Penguins (3); Prehistoric Birds (1); Swans (1); Tropical Birds (1); Whooping Cranes (1); and Birds in general (20).

**Botany and Products:** 91 exhibits including Agriculture (4); Alcoholic Beverages (3);

Biblical Botany (1); Coffee (3); Forestry (1); Grasses (4); Horticulture (2); Mushrooms (3); National Parks (5); Orchids (2); Palm Trees (4); Poinsettias (1); Roses (4); Trees (2); Viniculture (2); and Flowers in general (46).

Costumes and Apparel: 27 exhibits including Costumes (6); Embroidery (2); Fans (1); Hair styles (4); Hats (1); Masks (6); Textiles (4); and Umbrellas (2).

Earth's Physical Features: 23 exhibits including Caves (3); Earthquakes (1); Mountains (2); Nordic Lights (1); Rivers (4); Rainbows (1); sea (1); Waterfalls (8); Waterways (1); and Volcanoes (1).

Explorers: 39 exhibits including Robert E. Byrd (2); Christopher Columbus (II); James Cook (2); Alexander Humboldt (1); and Explorers in general (13).

Fine Arts: 60 exhibits including Artists (4); Calligraphy (1); Ceramics (1); Chagall Windows (1); Albrecht Durer (5); Flemish Art (3); French Art (4); Gothic Art (1); Graphic Arts (2); Impressionists (2); Italian Art (2); Japanese Art (1); Leonardo da Vinci (1); Michaelangelo (1); Mosaics (1); Paintings (16); Picasso (1); Primitive Art (1); Rembrandt (1); Rubens (1); Sculptures (2); Spanish Art (2); and Woodcuts (1).

Folklore (including Flags and Heraldry): 50 exhibits including Fairy Tales (10); Flags (10); Heraldry (9); Mythology (6); New Years (3); St. George (7); and Santa Claus (5).

Geography: 31 exhibits including Africa (1); Algeria (1); Australia (1); Belgium (1); Canada (1); China (1); Crete (1); Greece (1); Israel (2); Latvia (1); Mexico (1); Northwest Territory (1); Nuremberg (2); Poland (2); Polar (to); Polynesia (1); and the Vatican (3).

Games: 16 exhibits including Chess (12) and Playing Cards (4).

Insects: 53 exhibits including Bees & Bee Hives (12); Beetles (2); Butterflies (14); Dragonflies (1); and Insects in general (18).

Literature: 31 exhibits including Authors (2); Children's stories (2); Education (1); Esperanto (1); European Literature (1); Folk Literature (1); Journalists (9); Libraries (2); Poets (2); Don Quixote (1); Rubaiyet (1); William Shakespeare (3); Universities (1); Jules Verne (3); and World literature (1).

Maps: 33 exhibits including maps of Africa (2); Brazil (1); British Empire (1); Canada (1); Caribbean (1); Indian Ocean (1); Japan (1); Panama (1); Polar (4); Samos (1); and Maps in general (19).

Marine Life: 41 exhibits including Coral Reefs (2); Fish and Fishing (21); Seashells

(5); Underwater Exploration (11); and Marine Life in general (1).

Medical Sciences: 131 exhibits including Arthritis (2); Blindness (1); Blood Transfusion (3); Drugs of Abuse (1); Jean Henri Dumint (3); Cancer (13); Cardiology (1); Hospitals (5); Malaria (7); Medicinal Plants (8); Nurses and Nursing (6); Optics (1); Pharmacy (6); Physical Fitness (1); Physicians (10); Plagues (1); Quarantine (1); Red Cross (20); Rheumatic Disease (1); Albert Schweitzer (2); Symbols (1); Tuberculosis (5); Venereal Disease (2); Veterinary Medicine (1); Yellow Fever (1); and Medicine in general (27).

Minerology: 23 exhibits including Birthstones (1); Gold (4); Iron and Steel (9); Mineralogy (2); and Petroleum (7).

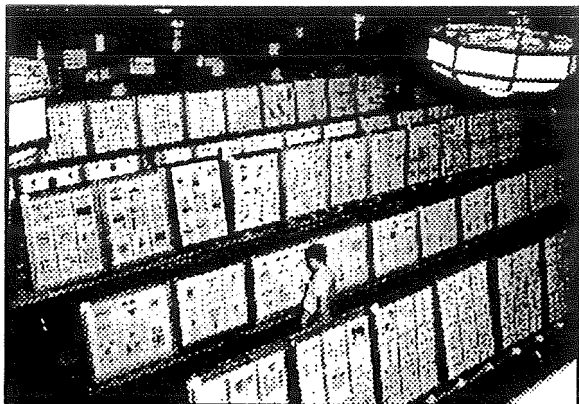
Miscellaneous: 18 exhibits including Coins & Money (4); Dolls (1); Smoke Signals (1); Tourism (1); World Fairs (9); and World Refugee Year (2).

Music: 93 exhibits including Beethoven (4); Bells (3); Chopin (1); Church Music (1); Composers (14); Concert Halls (2); Drums (3); Instruments (8); Keyboards (2); Mozart (8); Musicians (3); National Anthems (6); Opera (3); Songs (3); Symphony (6); and Music in general (26).

Occupations: 25 exhibits including Cooking (6); Fire Fighting (8); Law and Lawyers (3); Police & Law Enforcement (7); and Printing (3).

Organizations: 118 exhibits including Europa (45); Lions International (4); Masonry (29); NATO (1); Pan American Union (1); Rotary International (16); and the United Nations (21).

People, Famous: 153 exhibits including Ludwig van Beethoven (4); Robert E. Byrd (2); Frederic Chopin (1); Winston Churchill (2); Christopher Columbus (II); James Cook (2); Copernicus (2); William Crawford (2); Leonardo da Vinci (1); Jean Henri Dunant (3); Albrecht Durer (5); King Edward VIII (1); Dwight Eisenhower (5); Queen Elizabeth II (5); Mahatma Gandhi (1); Dag Hammarskjold (2); Rowland Hill (1); Alexander Humboldt (1); Jesus (19); Lyndon Johnson (1); John F. Kennedy (5); Martin Luther King (1); Abraham Lincoln (8); Charles Lindbergh (4); Martin Luther (6); Michaelangelo (1); Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (8); Benito Mussolini (1); Napoleon Bonaparte (4); George S. Patton, Jr. (1); Baden Powell (7); Rembrandt (1); Eleanor Roosevelt (2); Franklin D. Roosevelt (27); Peter Paul Rubens (1); Albert Schweitzer (2); William Shakespeare (3); Joseph Stalin (1); Jules Verne (3); and George Washington (1).



TOPEX '56 Exhibits in Detroit, Michigan

**People (General Classification):** 84 exhibits including Alternate Lifestyles (4); Astronauts (5); Austrian (1); Bearded Men (3); Black Heritage (3); Children (8); Freedom from Hunger (2); Grandmothers (1); Hands (8); Humor (1); Men Named George (1); Murder (3); Native Americans (15); Nobel Laureates (3); Nudes (8); Vikings (2); and Women (14).

**Performing Arts:** 14 exhibits including Ballet (1); Cinema (5); Circus (5); Dancing (2); and Theater (1).

**Philately:** 47 exhibits including Rowland II (1); Post Horns (1); Postal Service (12); Stamp Centenaries (9); Stampic Twins (3); Stamps-on-Stamps (4); U.P.U. (16); and WIPA (1).

**Railroads:** 46 exhibits including African Trains (1); English Trains (1); Locomotives (10); Swiss Railroads (1); Toy Trains (1); and Railroading in general (31).

**Reptiles:** Ten exhibits including Crocodiles (1); Frogs & Toads (2); Turtles (1); and Reptiles in general (6).

**Religion:** 157 exhibits including the Bible (17); Buddhism (1); Cathedrals (2); Catholics (1); Christmas (17); Creation (2); Churches (10); Easter (1); Franciscans (3); Holy Year (4); Islam (3); Jesus (19); Judaica (2); Martin Luther (6); Madonnas (15); Methodists (1); Orval Abbey (3); Popes (2); Rosary (3); Saints (8); Shrines (1); and Religion in general (36).

**Royalty:** 23 exhibits including Children of Royalty (1); Edward VIII (1); Elizabeth II (10); Hawaiian (1); New Zealand (4); Royal Weddings (2); and Royalty in general (5).

**Science:** 40 exhibits including Anthropology (5); Chemistry (2); Computers (1); Electricity (1); Entomology (2); Inventors (2); Mathematics (3); Metric System (1); Microbiology (3); Microscopes (3); Nobel Laureates (3); Nuclear Energy (5); Photography (1); Physics (2); Radio (3); Typewriters (2).

**Scouting:** exhibits including Baden Pmve!! (6); Girl Scouts (2); Merit Badges (2); Jamborees (8); and Scouting in general (35).

**Ships:** 86 exhibits including Ancient Primitive Ships (2); Canoes (1); Lifeboats (0); Naval (9); Old Ironsides (1); Passenger Ships (2); Sailing Ships (12); Self-Propelled (1); Steamships (4); Submarines (2); and Ships in general (53).

**Space (including Astronomy):** 69 exhibits including Apollo (2); Apollo-Soyez (3); Astronauts (7); Comet Kohoutek (1); Copernicus (2); ECHO I (1); Gemini (3); Mars (2); Mercury (1); Moon (1); Rockets (2); general Astronomy (6); and general Space (38).

**Sports:** 112 exhibits including Aquatic (1); Archery (2); Baseball (2); Basketball (3); Boxing (1); Bull Fighting (1); Commonwealth Games (1); Cricket (2); Fencing (2); Football (1); Golf (2); Greek sports (1); Gymnastics (4); Handball (1); Horse Racing (3); Hunting (3); Ice Hockey (3); Olympics (41); Polish sports (1); Skating (3); Skiing (2); Soccer (5); South Pacific Games (1); Tennis (4); Volleyball (1); Yachting (1); and Sports in general (20).

**Transportation:** 36 exhibits including Automotive (11); Bicycles (2); Balloons (1); Coaches (4); Covered Wagons (1); Motorcycles (2); Tractors (1); and Transportation in general (16).

**War:** 30 exhibits including Civil War (7); Dictators (1); Fighting Craft (1); Ghettos and Holocaust (3); Mussolini (1); Nazis (2); George S. Patton, Jr. (1); Revolutionary War (1); Joseph Stalin (1); Suez Crisis (1); U.S. Army (1); U.S. Military Academy (2); War in general (3); Weapons (3); World War II (4); and War in general (1).



Mary Ann Owens Received the Reserve Grand for Her Exhibit "The Elephant," and George for his Exhibit "Penguinalia" at TOPEX '83

## Grand Award Winners 1952-1998

For the very first time, we are listing all Grand Award winners at the ATA all-topical exhibitions from 1952 to 1998.- Each entry includes the name of the recipient, city of residence at the time of the award, and the title of the exhibit. We have not included the number of frames in each exhibit because frame sizes varied anywhere from six pages to sixteen pages over the years.

There were three Grand Award winners at the first TOPEX in 1952. They included: Fred Baravick of Brooklyn, New York, exhibiting "Souvenir Sheets;" William Howell of Warren, Ohio, exhibiting "Philatelic Zoology: Birds;" and Leo J. Sylver of New York City exhibiting "Harding U.S.A."

Thereafter, there was only a single Grand Award winner at each TOPEX. As you will see in the following list, grand awards were received by residents of Canada, Mexico, and Sweden. Most grand award winners (eleven) resided in New York, followed by New Jersey and Illinois with five each.

George Guzzio is the only person to have won three grands (1972, 1983, and 1993). Four others have received two grand awards: Joseph Kler (1959 and 1964); Vincent Lucas (1988 and 1989); Eileen Meier (1982 and 1987); and Wolfgang Spille (1971 and 1975). The most frequent themes employed by Grand Award winners were medical subjects and music, with five Grand Awards for each.

- 1953 H. B. Shearer of Worchester, Pennsylvania, "Physicians and Medicine on Stamps."
- 1954 Edgar W. Spurgeon of Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, "Life and Teaching of Christ."
- 1955 Pauling H. Nearing of Decatur, Illinois, "Chess Stamps and Postmarks."



Pauling H. Nearing Receives the TOPEX '55 Grand Award from Dessie Bodamer, General Chairman of TOPEX '55 in Decatur, Illinois

Jan Bart Belle New  
"Rooseveltiana."

- 1957 Mrs. Arthur M. Grove of Normal, Illinois, "Art on Stamps."
- 1958 Gosta Sundquist of Boden, Sweden, "Musicians: The Vienna Classical School."
- 1959 Joseph H. Kler of New Brunswick, New Jersey, "Medicine."
- 1960 Virginia R. Gubler of Rochester, New York, "Red Cross: Jean Henri Dunant, Founder."
- 1961 Helen S. Myers of Aurora, Illinois, "Composers of Sacred Music."
- 1962 Dorothy Perrin of New York, New York, "A World of Insects."
- 1963 Joan Pritzlaff of Homewood, Illinois, "Switzerland's Amazing Railroads."
- 1964 Joseph H. Kler of New Brunswick, New Jersey, "History of Medicine on Stamps."
- 1965 Alexander R. Borges of Lombard, Illinois, "Harnessing the Waters."
- 1966 John Thomas of New York, New York, "The Drama of Nubia."
- 1967 Gus Wittenberg of New York, New York, "Evolution and Problems of Stamp Design."
- 1968 Jack E. Bettencourt of Ben Lomond, California, "Lindberghiana."
- 1969 Melvin J. Andrews of Pennsauken, New Jersey, "Specific Diseases on Postage Stamps."
- 1970 Merryl F. Sicherman of Akron, Ohio, "Music on Stamps."
- 1971 Wolfgang Spille of Brooklyn, New York, "Sailing Ships."
- 1972 George T. Guzzio of Brooklyn, New York, "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart."
- 1973 Lucille A. Wallace of Phoenix, Arizona, "Homage to Beethoven."
- 1974 Bertram Schaffner (Residence unknown), "U.P.U.: The First 50 Years."
- 1975 Wolfgang Spille of Brooklyn, New York, "150 Years of Passenger Ships."
- 1976 Emilio Obregon of Mexico City, Mexico, "Death Is No Laughing Matter." [ATA-INTERPHIL Grand Award].
- 1977 George Prague of Atlantic City, New Jersey, "Bridges on Stamps."
- 1978 Sonja Weiss of New York, New York, "Ludwig van Beethoven."

- Donald Beuthel of Denver, Colorado, "Computers on Stamps."
- 1980 Frank Alusio of Weston, Ontario, Canada, "Atomic Energy."
- 1981 Charles M. Fitz of Elizabeth, New Jersey, "Philately and Mu der."
- 1982 Eileen Meier of Palmyra, Virginia, "By the Twelve" (Greek gods).  
[ATA Grand at BALPEX]
- 1983 George T. Guzzio of Brooklyn, New York, "Penguinalia."
- 1984 Greg Herbert of Owing Mills, Maryland, "In Pursuit of Butterflies."
- 1985 Ingeburg Fisher of Spokane, Washington, "Nuremberg: Talc of a City."
- 1986 None (ATA met at AMERIPEX)
- 1987 Eileen Meier of Palmyra, Virginia, "The Olympian Gods."
- 1988 Vincent P. Lucas of Westlake, Ohio, "The Lepidoptera."
- 1989 Vincent P. Lucas of Westlake, Ohio, "Coffce."
- 1990 Kathleen V. Cummins of Bowie, Maryland, "Ferments, Brews, and Spirits."
- 1991 Carl Spitzer of Tucson, Arizona, "Buzz!"
- 1992 None (ATA met at World Columbia Stamp Exposition)



Carl Spitzer of Tucson, Arizona, won the Grand for "Buzz!" at TOPEX '91



Thomas Lera Receives Grand Award from Phillip Stager in 1998

- 1993 George T. Guzzio of Brooklyn, New York, "Edward-All for Love."
- 1994 Daniel Olsen of Naples, Florida, "Christopher Columbus."
- 1995 Marian Bowman of Simi Valley, California, "Here I Stand: Martin Luther and His Place in the Reformation."
- 1996 Phillip J. Stager of St. Petersburg, Florida, "Ailments of Venus."
- 1997 None (ATA met at PACIFIC 97)
- 1998 Thomas Lera of Falls Church, Virginia, "Masters of the Night."

## 50 Years of ATA Judges

The evolution of judging topicals commenced in the 1950s with the use of a point system for "open judging." In 1960, Homer Jones proposed the use of an adjudication sheet for judges and the qualifying of judges. Joan Pritzlaff urged ATA to adopt a standard judging point system in 1964, and two years later Margaret Hackett led the way to the adoption of a standard point system. The ATA Topical Judges Accreditation Committee was formed in 1971 with George Guzzio as chairman, and the following year a TOPEX Point Schedule was introduced and ATA Accredited Judges were each presented with the certificate pictured nearby. ATA joined with APS to obtain uniformity of judging, and cross accreditation was approved in 1987.

For the first 25 years, judges were selected from prior exhibit winners, ATA officers such as John H. Groet (1954); Homer L. Jones (1965); Fred Korotkin (1965); and Donald W. Bruns (1971), Belmont Faries

(1959), Ernest A. Kehr (1971), Barbara Mueller (1968), Philip Silver (1956), and George Turner (1959).

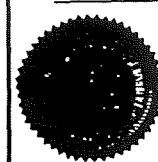
Then with the development of accreditation procedures, judges were selected from the expanding group of qualified judges. Those who served on three or more ATA judging panels include Werner J. Baum (1968, 1971, and 1972); Dessie E. Bodamer (1959, 1960, and 1965); Lauretta Garabrant (1972, 1974, 1977, and 1978); Melvin Garabrant (1975, 1977, 1983, and 1990); George Griffenhagen (1973, 1975, 1983, and 1985); George T. Guzzio (1974, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990, and 1996); Margaret R. Hackett (1957, 1960, and 1966); Robert S. Oesch (1979, 1981, and 1985); Mary Ann Owens (1969, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1995, and 1998); Henry Peterson (1969, 1972, and 1981); John H. Thomas (1964, 1967, 1979, and 1981); and Ruth Y. Wetmore (1978, 1983, and 1987).

Those who have served at two shows include Frank Alusio of Canada (1989 and 1994); Lawrence I. Black (1974 and 1977); Jan R. Bleakley (1993 and 1998); Ingeburg Fisher (1991 and 1995); Edward J. Flath (1957 and 1960); Jack H. Green (1980 and 1985); Stephen Luster (1988 and 1993); Dorothy Perrin (1966 and 1967); and Phillip J. Stager (1994 and 1998).

Those who served a single year include Melvin Jean Andrews (1961); Donald G. Beuthel (1987); Helen Bormann (1969); Jacques Charron (1970); Ken Connelly (1970); Barbara de Yolini (1973); Stanley C. Durnin (1973); Thomas E. Elnen (1969); Ester Fidelma (1970); Charles M. Fitz (1990); Wolfgang Fritzsche (1974); John O. Griffiths (1991); Frank H. Hale (1956); Alan J. Hanks of Canada (1994); Donald R. Heath (1956); Winand Hess (1989); Elmer F. Hock (1956); Peter K. Iber (1996); Hugh Johnston (1989); Nicholas Kourtralis (1968); Edgar Levy (1962); Leo Longinotti (1954); Vincent P. Lucas (1993); Peter McCann (1998);

## - AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION - ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the following is an Accredited Judge of the American Topical Association  
 JUDGE: JOHNATHAN DOE  
 JUDGE # 5-99999  
 Date: November 1, 1972



*Johnathan Doe*  
 Division Chairman  
 Judges Accreditation Committee  
*Henry Peterson*  
 President  
 American Topical Association

November 1, 1972  
 Date



1972 Judges Accreditation Certificate  
 Designed by Carl Swanson

Dhirubhai Mehta of India (1966); Angela Minerva (1967); Stephen Rich (1957); James C. Schlitz (1961); Paul E. Smith (1969); Lorna Spengenburg (1995); Edgar Spurgeon (1961); Milton Stearn of South Africa (1967); Jay M. Stotts (1998); Cyrus R. Thompson (1973); Ann M. Trigg (1996); Myrtle I. Watt (1956); Irving Weinberg (1988); William M. Wilson (1964); Lester Winnick (1984); and Mrs. Paul Zaramba (1964).

## ATA Chapters

ATA Chapters were authorized in 1951, and the following have served as Chapter director: Harvey Johnson (1956-1959), Fred Korotkin (1960-1965); Lawrence DeMars (1966-1967); Frances Wickerd (1968-1975); Melvin Garabrant (1976-1980); Alan Hanks (1981-1984); David Kent (1985-1987); Hugh Johnston (1988-1998); and David Nyc (1998 to the present). The following represents all recorded Chapters with the year of affiliation listed by state and country in chronological order by year of affiliation. Only those identified by an \* are currently recognized as an active ATA Chapter.

Alabama

#24 Azclian Philatelists (1958)

## **Happy 50th Birthday ATA!**

From MINI-ARTS  
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*We've Grown Together!*  
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## Arizona

- #13 \*Arizona Society of Topical Philatelists (1955)  
!formerly Phoenix Chapter(
- #70 \*Tucson Stamp Club (1994)
- #85 \*Sun City West Stamp Club (1994)
- 1192 \*Postal History Foundation (1996)

## California

- #22 \*Greater Los Angeles Chapter (1958)
- #36 Bay Area Chapter (1962)
- #47 Long Beach Queen City Chapter (1972)
- #63 San Diego Topical & Thematic Club 1986)
- #69 San Jose Stamp Club (1986)

## Colorado

- #61 Aurora Stamp Club (1982)
- #78 \*Topical Philatelists in Colorado (1994)

## District of Columbia

- #11 Potomac Chapter, Washington, D.C. (1955)
- #55 \*Collectors Club of Washington, D.C. (1978)
- 1193 \*Graebner Chapter of AFDCS (1996)

## Florida

- #21 Tampa Chapter (1958)

## Georgia

- ? DeKalb Stamp Club (1982)

## Hawaii

- #02 Tropical Topical Chapter, Honolulu (1951)

## Illinois

- #09 Lake County Chapter (1954)
- 1110 Decatur Chapter (1954)
- #15 \*Chicagoland Chapter (1955)
- #25 Quad City Chapter (1958)
- #40 Aurora Chapter (1966)
- #52 North Suburban Stamp Club (1978)
- #53 Corn Belt Philatelic Society (1978)
- #67 Lombard Woman's Stamp Club (1986)
- #68 \*Glen Ellyn Philatelic Club (1986)

## Indiana

- #08 Northern Indiana Philatelic Society (1954)  
(formerly Michiana Chapter)
- #19 Fort Wayne Chapter (1956)

## Iowa

- #33 Cedar Rapids Chapter (1959)

## Kansas

- #39 Wichita Chapter (1962)

## Massachusetts

- #57 Chelmsford Stamp Club (1982)

## Michigan

- #14 Greater Detroit Chapter (1955)
- #23 \*Kent Chapter (1958)
- #44 \*West Suburban Stamp Club (1972)
- #45 Saginaw Valley Stamp Club (1972)
- 1195 \*Motor City Stamp & Cover Club (1996)

## Minnesota

- #28 Minneapolis Chapter (1958)
- #83 \*MIPS/ATA, Minneapolis (1994)

## Missouri

- #30 Greater St. Louis Chapter (1959)

## Nebraska

- #38 Monument Chapter (1962)
- #46 \*Lincoln Stamp Club (1972)

## New jersey

- #17 Northern New Jersey Chapter (1955)
- #27 Tti-County Chapter (1958)
- #41 New Jersey Chapter (1968)

- #51 Seashore Stamp Collec!Ors Club (1978)

- #64 Hazlet Stamp Club (1986)

## New York

- #03 \*New York Area Chapter (1952)
- #31 Long Island Chapter (1959)
- #54 Western Monroe Philatelic Society (1978)
- #84 \*Rochester Philatelic Association (1994)

## Ohio

- #62 \*Columbus Philatelic Club (1982)
- #59 \*Cuy-Lor Stamp Club (1982)
- #66 \*Stamp Collectors of Toledo (1986)
- #82 \*Dayton Stamp Club (1994)

## Oregon

- #34 Portland Chapter (1962)

## Pennsylvania

- #04 \*Johnstown Stamp Club (1952)
- #06 Philadelphia Chapter (1954)
- #07 Junior Topicalists of Johnstown (1954)
- #29 Pittsburgh Chapter (1959)
- #37 Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter (1962)

## South Dakota

- #20 Sioux Falls Chapter (1957)

## Texas

- #49 North Texas Chapter (1974)
- #90 \*Mid Cities Stamp Club (1996)

## Virginia

- #48 Virginia Philatelic Federation (1974)

## Wisconsin

- #05 Wisconsin Chapter (1952)
- #26 Madison Chapter (1958)

## Washington

- #16 \*Collectors Club of Seattle (1955)  
!formerly Seattle Chapter]
- #77 \*Inland Empire Philatelic Society (1990)

## Chapters Outside the U.S.

### Australia

- #60 \*Thematic Society of Australia (1982)
- #65 Thematic Philatelic Society of Victoria (1986)
- #86 \*Queensland Philatelic Council (1996)

### Canada

- #12 Ontario Chapter (1955)
- #42 Port Huron-Sarnia Chapter (1968)
- #43 Union Philatelique de Montreal (1970)
- #58 \*Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, Ontario (1982)
- #70 North Toronto Stamp Club (1986)
- #76 \*Ajax Philatelic Society (1990)
- #91 \*Calgary Philatelic Society (1996)

### China

- #35 \*China Topical Club (1962)

### India

- #18 India Chapter, Bombay (1955)

### Israel

- #80 \*Thematic Association of Israel (1994)

### Mexico

- #32 Mexico City Chapter (1959)

### South Africa

- #01 \*Thematic Stamp Club of South Africa (1951)

### Global Interests

- #88 \*Disabled Collectors Correspondence Club (1995)
- #89 \*International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors(1996)
- #94 \*Errors, Freaks, Oddities Collectors (1996)

# History      ATA Units      Affiliates

The brief histories of these ATA affiliates are largely devoted to the early founders, officers, and editors who served many years, and the current officers and editors. Data has been obtained from reports in *Topical Time* as well as from the periodicals published by each affiliate. Space does not permit mentioning every officer or every editor, we accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions that might have been made. ATA affiliates are listed in alphabetical order. Those with an "A"

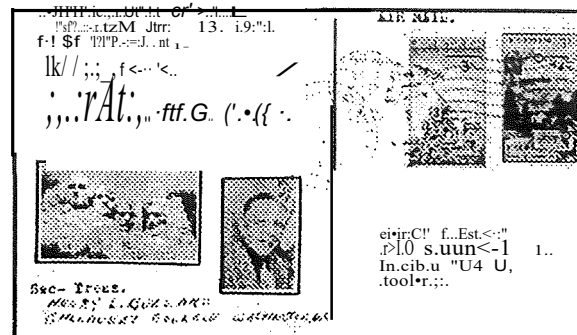
suffix are still active, while those with a "B" suffix are no longer active.

## 1A. Americana Unit

Covering history, culture, and industry of the U.S.A. on worldwide stamps, the Americana on Foreign Stamps Unit was founded on June 13, 1951, by Catherine Caspary (Mrs. Rudy Fechner) and Leona d Helm. Del Toulouse was elected first president, Catherine Caspary served as secretary, and the first issue of the *Americana Bulletin* was published in 1951 with Henry Buzzard as editor. The Unit was also given a big boost with the publication of ATA Handbook #1-#2, which included *Americana on Stamps of Foreign Countries* by Ellen Jensen. Leonard Helm was elected as the second president in 1952, Toulouse having resigned because of poor health; and Albert Plant served as *Americana Bulletin* editor from 1957 to 1960, followed by Gordon Hostettler who was editor of the last bulletin of the first series, published in August 1960.

The Unit was reactivated by James Hogbin in August 1964, and the *Americana Bulletin* started anew in January 1965 as volume I, #1. That same year, Arthur Carver became editor and continued until the last issue of the second series of the *Americana Bulletin* was published in April 1968. ATA Handbook #58 *Americana on Foreign Stamps* (Volume I) by C. E. Wagner was published in 1967.

The Unit was reactivated for a third and final time with the merger of American Presidents Unit and the John F. Kennedy Society in 1970. The first issue of the newly named *Americana Philatelic News* appeared in March 1970 with Lauren Januz as editor and executive secretary. David Kent became



editor with the October 1971 issue, and in 1973, August Mark Vaz became the editor. John Leugs served as production manager of the *Americana Philatelic News* from 1972 until his death in 1988, and Jeff Carlton has been production manager since then. ATA Handbook #85 *Americana on Foreign Stamps* (Volume II) by C. E. Wagner was published in 1975.

Other ATA Handbooks supported by the Americana Unit included #97 *Bicentennial of American Independence* by Donald Brenke (1979); #110 *Bicentennial Postmarks* by Bertram Rothenberg (1986); #112 *Statue of Liberty* by Donald Brenke (1988); #127 *John F. Kennedy* by Donald Brenke and Melvin Morris (1995); #132 *George Washington* by Melvin Morris (1997); and #135 *Abraham Lincoln* by Melvin Morris (1998).

David Kent currently serves as president, a position he has held since 1993; Donald Brenke has served as vice president since 1976; and Melvin Morris has served as editor of the quarterly *Americana Philatelic News* since 1992, now in its 28th volume. For membership information, contact Dennis Dengel, 17 Peckham Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-2018.

## 2A. American Indian Philatelic Society

The American Indian Philatelic Society, devoted to Native American cultures, was organized by Bud Keaton in 1992, and chartered by ATA on July 28, 1993. Their periodical premiered under the name of *The Phoenix* in June 1992, with Bud Keaton as editor. The name of the periodical changed to *The Council Fire* in August 1992. Jimmy Kelso was elected as the first president in 1993, while Dean Lilly assumed editorship in 1996. Leroy Tsutsumi was elected president in 1996, and *The Council Fire* is in volume five. Membership information available from Dean Lilly, 5460 Margie Lane, Oak Forest, IL 60452-3727.

## 38. American Presidents Unit

The American Presidents Unit was organized by Lauren Januz in 1969, and the first issue of the *Presidential Philatelic News*



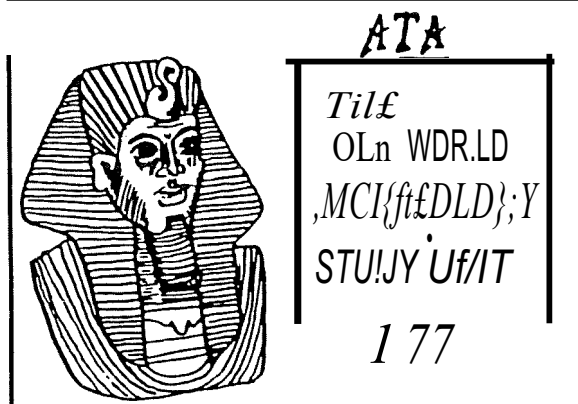
appeared in September 1969. year later,  
the Unit merged with the Americana

#### 4A. Archaeology (Mesoamerican) Study Unit



A Mexican Archeology Unit was proposed by John Hotchkiss in 1974, and the first newsletter was issued in January 1975 entitled *Quarterly Bulletin of Meso-American Archaeology Study Group* with John Hotchkiss as editor. The name of the second issue (November 1975) was changed to *Newsletter*. The Unit was chartered by ATA on October 9, 1975, with Chris Moser as president; Robert Oesch as vice president; John Hotchkiss as secretary; and Patrick Murphy as editor. A contest was held in 1975 for a unit logo; the winning design was described as frieze detail from portal of Tiahuanaco "Gate of the Sun" appearing on Bolivia, (Scott 433-437). The title *Codex Filatelica* was introduced in July 1976, and Chris Moser took over editorship in 1978. Originally, the unit was limited to Mexico and Central America, but was expanded in 1986 to include all of the Americas. Joe Arce is the current president, and Chris Moser is secretary and editor of *Codex Filatelica* which is now in volume 25. Membership information from Chris Moser, P.O. Box 1442, Riverside, CA 92502.

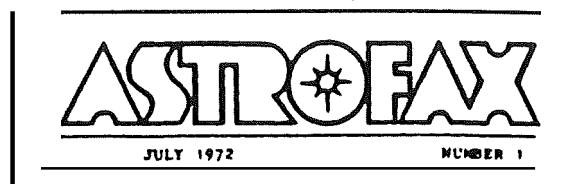
#### 5A. Archaeology (Old World) Study Unit



The Middle and Near East Archeology Unit was proposed by Eilene Meier in 1976, and chartered by ATA on August 30, 1977 with 27 members. In January 1977, the first issue of the *Newsletter of the Near East and Middle East Archaeology Study Group* appeared with David Detrich serving as editor until his retirement in 1997. The name was changed to *Old World Archaeologist* in July

with as president 1984 and then again from 1989 until her retirement in 1998. Ed Koscnmann served as secretary 1977-1980, and Hugh Johnston served as president 1984-1989. Heinz Schwinge has served as secretary since 1980, and George Holland serves as the new editor of the *Old World Archaeologist* which is now in volume 17. For additional information until a new secretary is named, contact Heinz Schwinge, 1515 Hinman Avenue, Apartment 503, Evanston, IL 60201.

#### 6A. Astronomy Unit



The Astronomy Unit, covering astronomy, astrology, and related subjects, was chartered by ATA on June 1, 1972, with 23 charter members. The first issue of *Astrofax* appeared in July 1972 with Ann Shoemake as editor who wrote: "This is the first, last, and only bulletin your editor ever intends to write from cover to cover." But Shoemake continued as editor to 1980 when issues lapsed until 1982. George Young took over as secretary and publisher in 1983, and Eckehard Schmidt of Germany became editor in 1989 with Michael Seeds as associate editor. In 1975, the Unit published *Worldwide Copernicus Cancellations* by Ann Shoemake, and ATA published Handbook #90 *Astronomy and Philately* by Ann Shoemake and Jack Green in 1977. *Astrofax* is currently publishing volume 14. For membership information, write George Young, P.O. Box 632, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

#### 78. Atomic/Nuclear Study Unit

The Atomic/Nuclear Study Unit was launched in 1981 with Nancy Morrow as president, secretary, and editor of the *Newsletter* which was introduced in September 1981. The name of the periodical was changed to *Nuclear Stamp News* in June 1982, and the Unit was chartered by ATA on June 6, 1983. However, Nancy Morrow wrote in the March 1983 issue that "No president has been found and I must give up editorship." No further issues were published, and the charter was withdrawn in 1987; members were referred to the ATA Chemistry & Physics Unit (see 17A).

#### 88. Automotive Study Unit

The Automotive Study Unit was chartered by ATA on February 17, 1975, with Porter Peterson as the first president. Their periodical, *Motor Philatelics*, was introduced in 1975, but by 1977 the Unit was planning to

reorganize. Knapp took over as editor in 1978. several additional years of limited activity, the charter was withdrawn in 1985. Members were urged to join Motor Vehicles Study Unit of Germany which was founded in 1963 by Siegfried Mueller. *Topical Time* "Publication Reviews" column regularly reviews *Filamobi*.

### 9B. Avian Philately Unit

ATA Handbook #10 *Birds of the World on Stamps* by Sidney Esten was published in 1954, and birds as a topic were being regularly covered by the ATA Biology Unit. However, December 1, 1980. William Cole felt that there was a need for a unit devoted to birds, and it was chartered in 1980. The first issue of the *Journal of Avian Philately* appeared in January 1981 with William Cole as editor. John Arnold was elected president, and Susan Stoddard served as secretary. Frederick Kinsky became the president in 1983, but the last issue of their periodical appeared January 1985. The charter was withdrawn in 1987 with the death of William Cole, and members referred to the Biology Unit (see 13A).

### 10B. Aviation Study Unit

The Aviation Study Unit, devoted to balloons as well as aircraft, was chartered on November 21, 1980, with John Pudney as president; *The Flyer* was introduced January 1981 with Thomas Beall as editor. John Pudney took over as editor until his resignation in 1984, and the charter was suspended in 1987. *The Flyer* was reintroduced in 1992 with Anthony Pennock as editor, "perhaps to again become an official ATA Unit." But it lasted only one year because of the editor's health, and the charter was revoked in 1988.

### 11B. Biblical Topics Study Unit

*Biblical Philately* was introduced in January 1980 with John Fife as editor, but only one issue was published. The Biblical Topics Study Unit was then founded by Gary Schroeder in 1985. *Biblical Philately*, volume two, #2, was issued in January 1986 with Gary Schroeder as editor and the Unit's first president; Frank Pieper served as secretary, and the Unit was chartered by ATA in June 1986. The Unit subsequently received the funds from the earlier ATA Religious Unit, but in 1998 the Unit voted to merge with COROS (see 68A).

### 12A. Bicycle Stamp Club

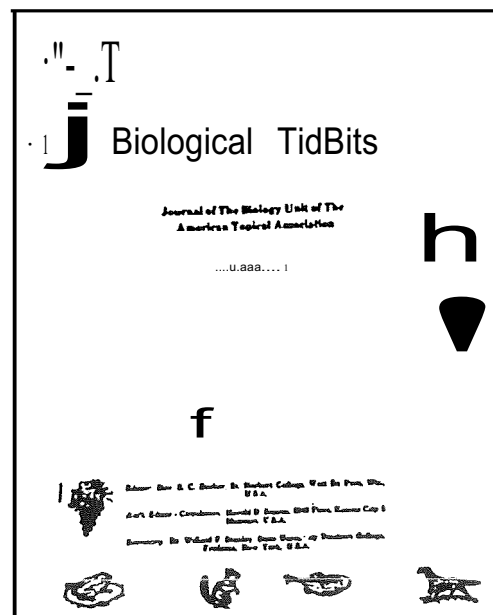
The ATA Bicycles on Stamps Study Unit was chartered by ATA in 1980 with Frank Havnoonian as founder and editor of *Spoke 'N Word*. However, lack of support resulted in charter being withdrawn 1985. The Bicycle Stamps Club of Great Britain formed in 1986 to "save what remains of the ATA Bicycle

Stamp Unit." The prelier issue *Bicycle Stamps* appeared in the summer 1986 with Douglas Marchant of Great Britain as editor, and Norman Batho as the U.S. secretary. ATA then chartered the Unit August 11, 1987. Norman Batho, the current president, became editor in 1990, followed in 1993 by Anthony Tiedman of Australia who continues as editor. Membership information from treasurer Bill Hoffmann, 610 North Pine Oak Lane, Muncie, IN 47304.

### 13A. Biology Unit

This second oldest ATA Unit was founded May 22, 1951, as the Biology Unit. Homer Jones served as Unit president from 1951 to 1955; William Stanley served as secretary from 1952 to 1958; and Sidney Esten served as the longest serving president, 1955-1964. The first issue of the periodical was issued June 1951 called *Leaves and Petals*; then the name changed in July 1951 to *Philatelic Leaves and Petals*. Commencing in January 1952, the periodical was called *Biological Tid-Bits*, with Harold Bearce as editor. The name was changed to *Biology Tid-Bits* in August 1956, and then to *Rio-Philately* in 1960 with William Stanley as editor. The name was changed in 1980 to *Biophilately*. Editors have included George Ball, Zannie Davis, Gustavs Eglajs, and Donald Wright. An accumulative index exists for volumes 1-43.

No other Unit has supported more ATA Handbooks than the Biology Unit. The first was Handbook #1-2 *Biology Philately* by Homer Jones (1951). ATA Handbook #79 *Mammals of the World on Stamps* by R. Wagner and Willard Stanley was published in 1973. Handbooks on *Horses* include #8 by Willard Stanley and Ray Fillingham (1954), and #52 by Ruth Wetmore (1966). Handbooks on *Flowers* include #12A by John Groet



(1956); #30 Shirley and Claude Weber (1960); and #61 by Doris Patterson (1968). Handbooks on *Plants* include #94 (Volume I) by Doris Patterson, Anne Delfeld, and Alice Sents (1979), and #112 (Volume II) by Jeane Gould and Alice Sents (1988). Handbooks on *Birds* include #82 by Willard Stanley, Beverly Ridgely, and Gustavus Eglajs (1974) and #106 by Beverly Ridgely and Gustavus Eglajs (1984). Handbooks on *Insects* include #98 by Willard Stanley (1979), and #123 by Donald Wright (1993). Handbook #91 on *Lower Vertebrates* by George Bearse, Willard Stanley, Maynard Raasch, Ursula Stahl, E. O. Bookwalter, Robert Gordon, and Malvin Skaroff was published in 1977.

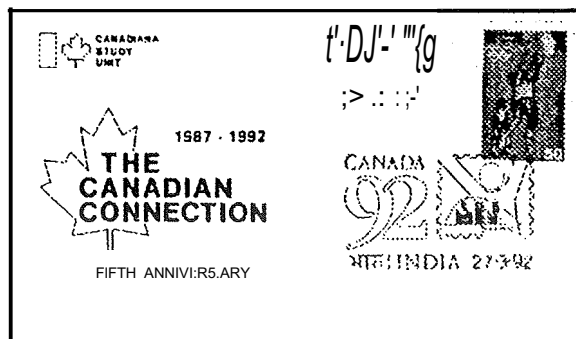
The current officers include president Norma McCumer, treasurer Betty Rutherford, and editor Alan Hanks who is working on volume 47 of the quarterly *Bwphtlately*. Membership information available from Betty Rutherford, 4210 Indian Creek Road, Marion, IA 52302.

#### 14H. Butterfly & Moth Stamp Society

The Butterfly & Moth Stamp Society was formed in November 1985 in Great Britain, publishing the first issue of the *Swallowtail* in 1985 with Tom Lloyd of Great Britain as editor, 1985-1996. The Unit was chartered by ATA on December 1, 1987, and Grg Herbert served as American secretary until the last issue of the *Swallowtail* was published in November 1996. The charter was withdrawn in 1996.

#### ISA. Canadiana Study Unit

The Canadiana Study Unit, devoted to the history, culture, and industry of Canada, was proposed by John Peebles in 1987, and chartered by ATA on March 10, 1988. The first issue of the *Canadian Connection* appeared in March 1987 with John Peebles serving as both editor and president. Robert Haslewood serves as current vice president, and Mark Wilton is secretary. The Unit published a cumulative index in 1990. Color was introduced in the March 1997 issue of the *Canadian Connection* to observe the Unit's 10th anniversary. Membership information from John Peebles, P.O. Box 3262 Station "A," London, Ontario, Canada N6A 4K3.



#### 16A. Cats on Stamps Study Unit

The Cats on Stamps Unit, devoted to domestic and wild felines, was founded as Feline Filatelic Fanciers in 1979. The first issue of *Cat Mews* appeared in September 1979 with Virginia Haywood as editor from 1979 to 1981. The Unit was then dormant until it was revived by Robert Yost in 1985, and chartered by ATA on August 22, 1985, with 67 members. Robert Yost served as editor from 1985 to 1989, after which the Unit was again dormant until it was reactivated again in 1993 with Susan Minnicar as president since 1993, and Mary Ann Brown who has served as secretary since 1993. Virginia Gifford served as editor 1993-1994, and Frank Ladd has served as editor since 1994. A brief history of the Unit appears in *Cat Mews* for January 1993. Membership information from Mary Ann Brown, 3006 Wade Road, Durham, NC 27705.

#### 17A. Chemistry & Physics Study Unit

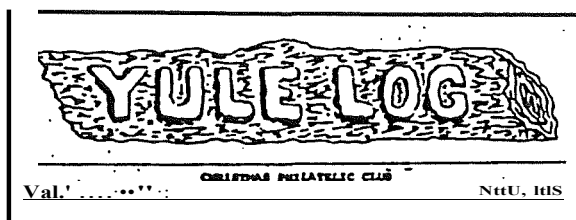
The Chemistry Study Unit was proposed in 1977 by Richard Gratton, and chartered by ATA in September 1979. The first issue of *Philatelia Chimica* appeared in May 1979 with Richard Gratton as editor. The name of the Unit changed to Chemistry and Physics Study Unit in 1983, and the name of the periodical was changed the same year to *Philatelia Chimica et Physica*. The Edwin S. Hodge (1982-1983 president) Memorial Award was established in 1989 for the best article published in *PCP* in the previous year. Charles (Sherry) Kettler is the longest serving editor 1984-1990. Michael Morgan is the current president, and Foil Miller is current editor of *Philatelia Chimica et Physica* which is in volume 20. A detailed history of the Unit was published in the Spring 1998 issue of *PCP*. Membership information from Roland Hirsch, 20458 Waters Point Lane, Germantown, MD 20874.

#### 18A. Chess on Stamps Study Unit

The Chess on Stamps Study Unit, devoted to chess and other board games, was proposed by Benjamin Landley in 1974, and the first newsletter was issued the same year. However, the Unit languished until Sam Wilkinson III reactivated it, permitting ATA to charter the Unit on September 1, 1976. The first issue of *Chessstamp Review* appeared in January 1979 with Sam Wilkinson III as editor from 1979 to 1986, and president from 1979 to 1982. Wendell Way served as secretary 1979-1981. Russell Ott has served as editor since 1986; Anne Kasonic has been secretary since 1990; and Sam Wilkinson III is listed as editor emeritus. Membership information from Anne Kasonic, 7624 County Road, #153 Interlaken, NY 14247.

## 19B. Christmas Study Unit

Douglas Moore proposed the Christmas Study Unit in 1974, and it was chartered by ATA on March 19, 1974 with Douglas Moore as the first president. *Christmas Notes* first appeared in September 1975 with Don Dombrowski as editor from 1975 to 1983. Edna Cummins served as director from 1975 to 1978, when ATA published Handbook #92 *The Holy Family* by Gerald Morris. The last issue of *Christmas Notes* appeared in April 1983, after which the Unit was dissolved and the charter was withdrawn leaving the way for the chartering of the Christmas Philatelic Club (see 20A).



## 20A. Christmas Philatelic Club

The Christmas Philatelic Club, devoted to the sacred and secular aspects of Christmas was founded in Harmony, Minnesota, in 1969 by Kenneth Mackenzie, and *Yule Log* was first published the same year. Edna Cummins served as editor from 1970 to 1979, and Vaughn Augustin was secretary from 1970 to 1995. Observing in 1981 that both *Yule Log* and *Christmas Notes* were "having publishing problems," Kenneth Mackenzie commenced publishing his personal *North Star Yule Log*. The new *Yule Log* editor from 1982 to 1989 was Irene Childster. ATA affiliation was proposed in July 1986: "It had been discussed in the very early years, but the Board did not like the requirement that every member had to be an ATA member; ATA had recently changed that requirement." Thus the Christmas Philatelic Club was chartered by ATA on October 20, 1986. Kathy Ward became editor in 1988, and in 1991, ATA published Handbook #120 *Christmas Stamps of the World* by Everleigh Foster. The *Yule Log* is currently in volume 30 with June Berwald as the current editor, and Linda Lawrence as secretary. Membership information from Linda Lawrence, 312 Northwood Drive, Lexington, KY 40505.

## 21A. Columbus, Christopher, Philatelic Society

The Christopher Columbus Philatelic Society, devoted to the life and voyages of Christopher Columbus, was proposed in 1981 by Ronald Maineri, and founded October 12, 1982, in Puerto Rico on the 490th anniversary of discovery of America. The first issue of *Discovery* appeared the very same day. Donald Ager as editor from 1983 to the pres-

ent!, and is now in volume 16. The Unit was chartered by ATA on December 7, 1982, Ronald Maineri as president from 1983 to 1987, and again 1991-1992. David Nye has served as president since 1993, and edited ATA Handbook #121 *Christopher Columbus in Philately* published in 1992. Joseph Scafetta, Jr., currently serves as secretary. The Unit held their first international seminar in Dominican Republic in 1994. Membership information from David Nye, P.O. Box 1492, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

## 22A. Churchill Philatelic Society, International

The Winston Churchill Study Unit was founded and chartered by ATA on June 15, 1968, with Richard Langworth serving as editor of the *Finest Hour* from 1968 to 1970. Dalton Newfield took over as editor in 1970 as the name of the organization changed to the International Churchill Philatelic Society since the periodical was no longer strictly philatelic. The organization went into remission in 1975 until 1981 when Richard Longworth resumed editorship of the *Finest Hour*. By 1973, the Unit had England and Australian branches; then in 1989, the group was subdivided into separate American, British, and Canadian organizations. The American group was chartered by ATA on February 8, 1982. The *Finest Hour* is now in Whole #100 with Richard Langworth still editor. A comprehensive pictorial history appears in the Autumn 1998 issue of the *Finest Hour*, along with a separate supplement consisting of a comprehensive index. For membership information, contact Richard Langworth, P.O. Box 385, Hopkinton, NH 03229.

## 238. Coins on Stamps Study Unit

The Coins on Stamps Study Unit was chartered by ATA in May 1979 with 21 members; the prime movers were Claude Brassard and Larry Halpin. *Coins on Stamps News* was initially edited by Rick Taylor. When subsequent editor Beatrice Humphrey died, the Unit became inactive. It was still listed by ATA in 1984, but the charter was withdrawn in 1985.

## 248. Computers Study Unit

The Computers Study Unit was proposed by Robert Boos in 1974, and the first issue of *EDPhilately* appeared in July 1974 with Robert Boos as editor from 1974 to 1976. The Unit was chartered by ATA on January 20, 1975, with Robert Boos serving as president. Ira Cotton served as interim editor in 1978 "until permanent editor can be found" — but none was forthcoming. It was on the verge of deactivation in 1978, and was dissolved in 1983. The charter was withdrawn in 1983 as the (see 55A) commenced to cover computers.

## Cook, James, Study Unit

The Captain Study devoted to the life and voyages of Captain James Cook was established by Mary Lambe in 1974, and chartered by ATA on October 22, 1975, with Mary Lambe serving as president from 1975 to 1977. *Cook's Log* introductory issue appeared late in 1975, and volume one, #1, appeared January 1976 with John Mahoney as editor. The Unit was described as "lost at sea" for two years (1978-1980), but was active again in 1981 with Ian Bareham of Great Britain serving as editor since 1982. Kieran McGovern of Ireland served as president from 1982 to 1990, and Margaret Morris has served as president since 1990. Alwyn Peel is secretary, and *Cook's Log* is currently in volume 21. There is a brief history in the October 1986 issue of *Cook's Log*. Membership information available from Alwyn Peel, 13 Cowdry Close, Thornhill, Dewsbury, West Yorks, WF12 0LW, U.K. or from Brian Sandford, 173 Minuteman Drive, Concord, MA 01742.

## 268. Costume Study Unit

The Costume Study Unit was proposed in 1979, and published the first issue of *Costume Review* in 1979 with Dorothy Truhon as editor 1979-1982. The ATA Unit designation was dropped in 1980 because the group had not been chartered since no officers had been elected. The last issue of *Costume Review* appeared in January 1982. Dorothy Truhon advised members in June 1982 that the group might continue as an independent organization for one more year, but it did not.

## 27A. Dogs on Stamps Study Unit

The Dogs on Stamps Study Unit was chartered by ATA on April 23, 1979, with Patricia Byrnes as president, and Morris Raskin as secretary. The first issue of *DOSSU Journal* was published in April 1979, with Morris Raskin as editor. The Unit established a special cancel for National Dog Week in 1991, and introduced a label for National Dog Week in 1994. Patricia Byrnes continues as president, and Morris Raskin continues as both secretary and editor of the *DOSSU Journal* which is currently in issue #80. Membership information from Morris Raskin, 202A Newport Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512-3920.

## 28A. Durer, Albrecht, Study Unit

The Albrecht Durer Study Unit was proposed in 1978 by Ursel Kissinger, and chartered by ATA on September 26, 1978. The first issue of the *Durer Journal* was published in June 1978. Jack Denys served both as president and editor since 1978; while Ursel Kissinger was secretary from 1978 to her death in 1988. Since 1990 several issues of the

*Durer Journal* have been published, the most recent being Spring 1998. Membership information from Jack Denys, 3 East Cadillac Drive, Somerville, NJ 08876.

## 29A. Earth's Physical Features Study Unit

In 1977, Shirley Sutton proposed an ATA unit on caves, mountains, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls, and on August 5, 1977, ATA chartered the Earth's Physical Features Unit which included earthquakes, environment, meteorology, mountains, oceanography, and volcanoes. The first issue of *Nature's Wonders* was published in October 1977 with Andrew Lacher as editor who served until 1980, after which he became president. Shirley Sutton served as secretary 1977-1992, and Bryan Elliott was editor 1981-1985. David Wilkie has been president since 1991; Fred Klein has served as secretary since 1993; and Lewis Waller has been editor since 1990 of *Nature's Wonders*, now in volume 21. An index of volume 1-10 appears in the March 1988 issue. Membership information from Fred Klein, 515 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

## 308. Education on Stamps Unit

The Education on Stamps Unit, covering books, colleges, educators, libraries, schools, students, and symbols, was organized in 1967 by Arthur Brooks. ATA Handbook #68 *Education on Stamps* by Arthur Brooks was published in 1969, but there was little activity after this. It was reactivated by Philip Reiss in 1974, but soon thereafter ceased operation. Apparently, the Unit was never chartered by ATA.

## 318. Eisenhower Philatelic & Historical Society

The Dwight D. Eisenhower ATA Unit published the first issue of the Bulletin on March 1, 1957, with Frank Watt as editor, and Lauren Januz as president who also assumed the role as editor with the April 1957 issue. The Unit merged with American President's Unit 1969, but was then reorganized as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Philatelic & Historical Society in 1970; the name of the periodical was changed to *Eisenhower Philatelist* in 1973 with David Pritchard as editor. The 9th annual convention was held in 1978, but the group ceased operation soon thereafter.

## 32A. Embroidery-Stitchery-Textile Unit

A Textile Unit was organized by Feilong Chu in 1974 with a newsletter called *Textop*. A group interested in embroidery and stitchery merged with the Textile Unit in 1976 with

Feilong as president 1977-1991, and Helen Cushman as secretary since 1977. The first issue of *Textile-Rama* was published in the Fall of 1977 with Ruth Oldfield as editor. The Unit was chartered by ATA on January 11, 1977, with 27 charter members. Kathy Phillips has served as president since 1991; Amy Schultze was editor 1978-1982, and since 1981 Helen Cushman has served as secretary and editor of *Textile-Rama* which is currently in volume 22. Membership information from Helen Cushman, 1001 Center Street, Apt. 9H, La Jolla, CA 92037.

### 338. Engineering Unit

The Engineering Unit was proposed 1964 by Leo Thompsen, and was formed the following year by William French who announced that they are planning a newsletter.

There is no evidence that a newsletter was ever published, and the Unit was declared inactive in 1975.

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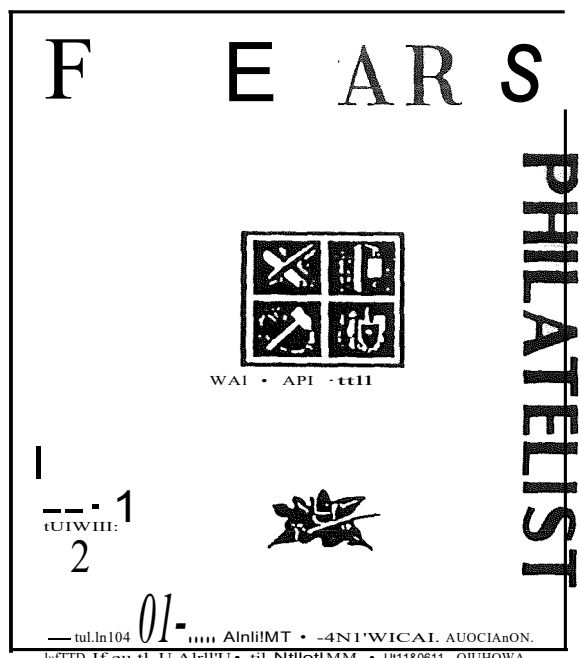
### 34A. Europa Study Unit

In the summer of 1959, a few collectors got together with the idea of forming a Unit covering all aspects of a United Europe, and the Europa Study Unit was organized September 24, 1959, with 12 members. Robin Crowley was editor of *Europa News*, and executive secretary 1960-1961. Harold Arnold was the first president, and the first meeting was held April 23, 1960. ATA Handbook #34 *Europa Stamps* was published in 1962. Donald Smith became deputy executive secretary in 1961, and then served as executive director from 1962 to 1986, and since 1993 he has served as auction manager. Ruth Hellard joined Crowley as co-editor 1969-1971, and then served as editor 1971-1983.

Melvin Garabrant served as president from 1968 to 1986, and William Norby was editor 1983-1989. Stephen Luster has served as president since 1987, and editor since 1989. Lester Heinzl has served as executive director since 1987, and Hank Klos has been executive secretary since 1990. *Europa News* is currently in whole number 327. Membership information from Hank Klos, 4N 512 South Church Road, Bensenville, IL 60106.

### 35A. Fine & Performing Arts Philatelists

The Fine Arts Philatelists, devoted to paintings, architecture and sculpture, was chartered by ATA in January 1955; the first issue of the *Fine Arts Philatelist* appeared in January 1955, with Clare McAlister as editor



from 1955 to 1971. Kathleen Ziegler was the first president, and Beatrice Berner served as secretary from 1955 to 1961. When the Music Unit ceased operation (see 58B), music was added to the Fine Arts Unit. The following year, the Unit expanded to include dance and archeology; then in 1963 they expanded to include theater. John Papa served as executive secretary 1962-1975, and as president 1976-1978; during this period the group dropped any mention as being affiliated with ATA.

The name of the periodical was changed to *FAP Journal* in 1970 with Bernard Seckler as editor 1973-1975; other editors include S. C. Plummer, 1975; David Christel, 1976-1991; and Beatrice Killough, 1991-1995. The Fine Arts Philatelists were chartered by ATA on November 24, 1986, with these words: "We welcome FAP as they rejoin the ATA family of Study Units." When the charter of the Performing Arts Study Unit (see 61B) was withdrawn in 1990, the name of the group was changed to Fine & Performing Arts. Bernard Seckler currently serves as president and editor of the *FAP Journal* which is currently in volume 44. An index to volumes 1-23 was compiled in 1978 by Jewell Sonderegger. Membership information on this Unit, which covers art, artists, cinema, circus, and theater, is available from secretary Ruth Richards, 10393 Derby Drive, Laurel, MD 20723.

### 368. Fire Service in Philately

A Fire Service Unit was proposed by Gustave Knoeckel, and chartered by ATA in August 1976. The first issue of the *Journal of Fire Service in Philately* was published in September 1976 with Gustave Knoeckel as editor 1976-1983. The last issue appeared in January 1983, and the charter was withdrawn in 1985.



1976, with 55 members. Robert Rinerband was the first president 1976-1977, and has served as treasurer since 1977. Mark Winnegrad was the first secretary, and has served since 1977 as president. The first issue of the *CPA Bulletin* appeared in February 1976, and the name was changed in 1976 to *Philateli-Graphics* with Herbert Mitchell as editor. George Hentzell served as editor 1977-1979, followed by Evelyn Moore 1979-1982, Dulcie Apgar 1983-1994, and Joseph Sullivan as the editor since 1994. Dulcie Apgar has served as secretary since 1977. Membership information from Dulcie Apgar, P.O. Box 1513, Thousand Oaks, CA 91348.

### 43A. Journalists, Authors & Poets on Stamps

An ATA News & Journalism Unit was organized in January 1954 with Allyn Wright as president. In 1955, the name was changed to Joseph Pulitzer Journalism Unit and was chartered by ATA on February 10, 1956. The *News Bulletin* was issued April 1956 with Allyn Wright as editor, and Don Creiger as secretary. The scope was expanded in 1968 to include both printing and communications, but soon thereafter it became inactive. Journalists, Authors & Poets on Stamps (JAPOS) was founded in 1974 by Gustav Detjen, and chartered by ATA on July 16, 1974. The first issue of the *JAPOS Bulletin* appeared in July 1974 with Gustav Detjen as editor. Harold Woodman served as president 1974-1977, but the Unit went into decline after Gustav Detjen's death. The Unit was reactivated in 1990 with Cynthia Scott as editor and secretary 1990-1991. Caxton Foster served as president 1990-1993, and Cletus Delvaux has served as president since 1993, and currently serves as editor of the *JAPOS Bulletin*, now in volume #92. Louis Forster has been secretary since 1992. Membership information from Louis Forster, 7561 East 24th Court, Wichita, KS 67226.

### 448. Judaica Unit

This short-lived Judaica Unit was chartered by ATA in 1959, and the first issue of the *Judaica Bulletin* appeared in August 1959 with Mark Vainer and Eli Grad as editors. However, the Unit only lasted for one year.

### 458. Law Enforcement Study Unit

The Law and Lawyers Stamp Unit was founded and chartered by ATA in 1962 with G. S. Ryan as president; Gerald Levinson as secretary; and Risha Levinson as editor. However, only three bulletins were issued. The Law Enforcement Unit was chartered by ATA on April 20, 1984. *The Bulletin* appeared

same year with William Underwood as editor and president. Joe McDermott served as secretary 1984-1985. The name of the periodical was changed in 1985 to *The Blotter* with Steve O'Connor as editor 1987-1990. The last editor was Steve Rebelowski, and the last issue was published in April 1990. The Unit was dormant in 1991, and the charter was withdrawn in 1994.

### 46A. Lighthouse Stamp Society

The Lighthouse Study Unit was organized in 1973, and chartered by ATA in September 1976 with 63 members. The first issue of *The Pharos* appeared in 1973, edited by Philip Cole from 1973 until his death in 1987. An annual index was published from 1974 onwards, but no officers were reported. Gary Kurylo served as editor from 1987 to 1992, but the last issue appeared in May 1992 and the charter was withdrawn. The Lighthouse Stamp Society was founded in 1992, and the first issue of *The Beacon* appeared in September 1992 with Dalene Thomas serving as editor since 1992. The Society was chartered by ATA on August 1, 1994, and the name of the periodical was changed in September 1994 to *The Philatelic Beacon* which is now in volume 7. Membership information from Dalene Thomas, 8612 West Warren Lane, Lakewood, CO 80227-2352.

### 478. Lindburgh, Charles A., Association

The Charles A. Undburgh Association was chartered by ATA on June 2, 1975, with Robert Hammack as secretary. The first issue of *Spirit* appeared in 1975, but soon thereafter it became part of the Aerophilatelic Federation of the Americas, and published as a section in *Jack Knight Air Log*.

### 488. Lincoln Society of Philately

The Lincoln Society of Philately was organized on April 14, 1962, with B. J. McCorby as president, and Gordon Cole as secretary. A special TOPEX Award was offered in 1962, and the first issue of the *Lincoln Log* appeared in January 1963. The group became inactive in 1971, but was reactivated in 1972. The 1976 annual meeting was cancelled, and by 1977, the society had slid into oblivion. A history of the group appears in ATA Handbook #135.

### 49A. Lions International Stamp Club

The Lions Stamp Club was established in 1951 during the Lions Clubs International Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The group was reorganized in 1960 by Pauline Zarling who served as editor of the first issue



the *Bulletin* appeared in October 1961. The Unit was chartered by ATA on August 17, 1961, and the bulletin was renamed *Philatelon* in 1962. Anton Dekom served as president 1962-1966, as well as editor 1962-1983; Pauline Zarling was secretary 1962-1963. ATA Handbook #59 *Lions International Philately* by Anton Dekom was published in 1968. The last issue of *Philatelon* appeared in April 1983, and the charter was revoked in 1986.

The Lions International Stamp Club was established in 1987, and chartered by ATA August 1, 1988. The *Lions International Philatelist* first appeared in September 1987 with Bill Taft as editor 1988-1992. Anton Dekom served as editor from 1992 until his death in 1994; Howard Lucas then served as editor 1994-1998, and the new editor is Adolfo Franchi of Italy. A brief history appears in the *Lions International Philatelist* for September 1998. For membership information, contact John Bargas, RR1, Mill Bay, British Columbia, VOR 2P0 Canada.

#### 508. MacArthur, Douglas, Unit

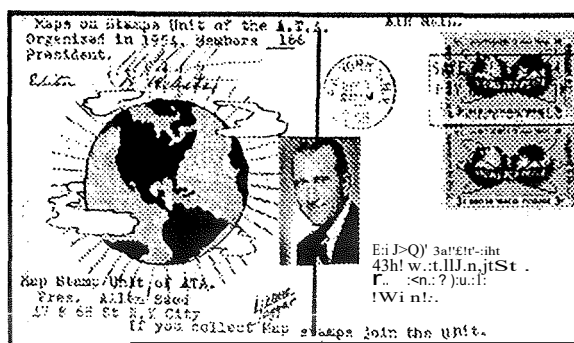
The first issue of the Douglas MacArthur Unit *Bulletin* appeared in October 1958 with Harold Dunn as both editor and president. It was to have been chartered by ATA on January 26, 1958, but never made it because it merged with the Americana Unit (see 1A).

#### 518. Malaria Philatelists International

The first issue of the *Miasma Philatelist* appeared in September 1979 edited by James Dellinger, and the Malaria Philatelists International was chartered by ATA on August 18, 1981. The last issue appeared in July 1985, but the charter was not withdrawn until 1989. The topic is now covered by the *Medical Subjects Unit* (See 56A).

#### 52A. Maps on Stamps/ Carto-Philatelists

William Webster published a newsletter on map stamps in the late 1940s, but the ATA Unit was not organized until 1954 and chartered on January 1955 as the Maps on Stamps Unit with Allen Seed as president from 1955 to 1958. The first issue of the *Carlo-Philatelist* appeared in March 1955



William Webster as I 1 and as secretary 1955-1956. Handbook #26 *Map Stamps of the World* by Allen Seed was published in 1959, to be followed in 1982 by ATA Handbook #104. Evelyn Nelson served as editor from 1963 until her death in 1981. The *Carto-Philatelist* was discontinued in 1996 after which Unit news would be published in the *Mekeel's Stamp News*. For information, contact Lillian Kent, 1171 Main Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

#### 53A. Mask Study Unit



The Mask Study Unit was founded in 1990, and the first issue of *Mask-a-Mania* appeared in September 1990 with Carolyn Weber as editor. The name of the periodical was changed to *Mask Lore* in March 1991. The Unit was chartered by ATA on April 9, 1991, with Helen Cushman as president since 1990, and Dorothy Crockett as vice president since 1990. Carolyn Weber still serves as secretary and editor of *Mask Lore* which is now in volume 9. Membership information from Carolyn Weber, P.O. Box 2542, Oxnard, CA 93034.

#### 54A. Masonic Stamp Unit

The Masonic Stamp Unit was organized on June 1, 1960, and the first issue of the *Newsletter* appeared in August 1960 with Clarence Beltmann as both editor and secretary from 1960 to 1965. ATA Handbook #29 *Masonic Stamps of the World* by Clarence Beltmann was published in 1960; this was followed by Handbook #43 (Volume II) by Clarence Beltmann in 1964. The last issue of the *Newsletter* appeared in August 1965.

The Unit was reorganized in 1967 by Nicholas Koutroulis, and the first issue of the *Masonic Stamp Collector* appeared in September 1967 with Nicholas Koutroulis as editor 1967-1975. The Unit became inactive after 1975. The Unit was reorganized again in 1977 with John Hudak as president, and it was chartered by ATA on May 26, 1977. The first issue of the *Philatelic Freemason* appeared in August 1977 with Walter Kirby as editor from 1977 to 1983. The latest issue is Volume 23 with Robert Domingue as editor since 1984:

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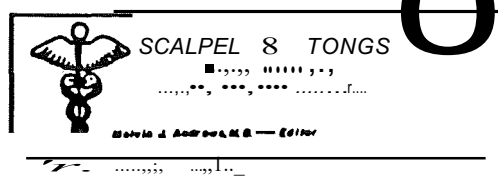
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### 55A. Mathematical Study Unit

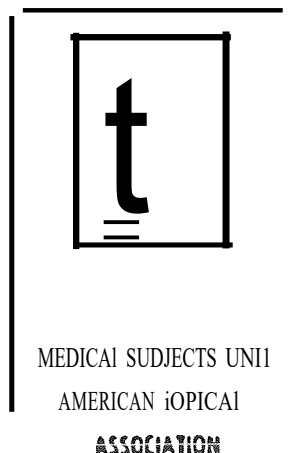
The Mathematical Study Unit was chartered by ATA November 9, 1979, and the first issue of *Philmath* appeared in July 1979 with Robert Whipple as editor. Monty Strauss has served as president since 1979. Computers were added to the scope of the Unit when the ATA Computers Unit was dissolved in 1983. Joel and Linda Haack served as editors 1983-1986, while Estelle Buccino has served as secretary since 1983. Randy Woodward has served as editor of *Philamath* since 1987, now in volume 20. ATA Handbook #134 *Computers on Stamps and Stationery* by Larry

Dodson was published in 1998. Membership information from Estelle Buccino, 5615 Glenwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20817.

### 56A. Medical Subjects Unit



The Medical Subjects Unit was founded in 1952 with 12 founding members and Wilson Swanker president from 1952 to 1955. Clare McAlister was the first vice president, and Albert Philip was the first secretary. The first two years were spent enriching the literature with a number of *Topical Time* articles and the publication in 1954 of ATA Handbook #7 *Medical Subjects on Stamps* edited by Wilson Swanker. The Unit was reorganized on October 15, 1955, by Melvin Andrews, and the first issue of *Scalpel & Tongs* appeared in December 1955 with Melvin Andrews as editor until 1963. The ATA Red Cross Unit (see 67B) merged with the Medical Subjects Unit in 1956, and Myrtle Watt served as secretary from 1958 until her death in 1977; two Myrtle Watt Awards were established in 1958. In 1973, the Unit periodical added the name *American Journal of Medical Philately*. Editor Willis Hainlen (1963-1971) authored ATA



Handbook #63 *Medical Stamps* which was published in 1968. Carolyn Kemery currently serves as president, while Ranes Chakravorty has served as editor since 1975; *Scalpel & Tongs* is now in volume 42. A comprehensive history of the Unit appears in the 1983 *Handbook of Medical Philately*. Membership information for this Unit which includes dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, physicians, Red Cross, and veterinary medicine is available from secretary Frederick Skavara, P.O. Box 6228, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

### 578. Meteorology Study Unit

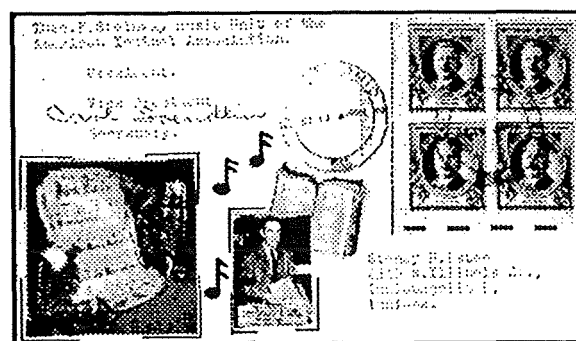
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The Meteorology Study Unit was proposed in 1978 by Michael Mooney, and chartered by ATA on May 15, 1979, with Michael Mooney as president. The first issue of *Weathervane* appeared in May 1979 with Michael Mooney as editor. Peter Robinson was secretary in 1980, and Don Gary assumed the presidency in 1981. There was little activity thereafter, with the last *Weathervane* appearing in March 1981. The charter was withdrawn in 1987.

### 588. Music on Stamps Unit

This Unit was formed in 1951 as the Theodore Steinway Unit under the direction of Henry Fallen. Harry Henneman was elected president in 1952, with Carl Soendlin as secretary 1953. In 1957, it became part of the ATA Fine Arts Unit (see 35A).



### 59A. Music Circle, Philatelic

The Philatelic Music Circle of Great Britain, devoted to ballet, composers, dance, music, and opera, was founded in April 1969 with Sylvester Peat as the first editor of *The*

*Baton* whose first issue appeared in October

1969; he also served as president until his death in 1986, after which the Sylvester Peat Trophy was established for the "most important contribution to *The Baton*." Irene Lawford assumed the role of editor of *The Baton* in April 1970, and has served as presi-

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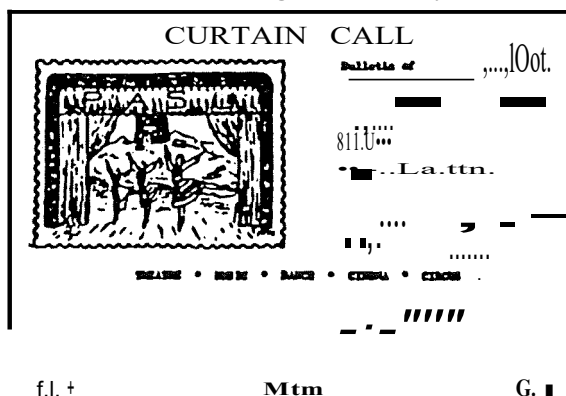
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Aiena Pascual Canada currently serves as editor of *The Baton*, now in whole #92. A brief history of the group appears in the July 1970 issue of *The Baton*. Membership information available from U.S. secretary Cathleen Osborne, P.O. Box 1781, Sequim, WA 98382.

### 60A. Napoleon Age Philatelists

The Napoleon Study Unit, devoted to the life and times of Napoleon Bonaparte, was proposed by Donald Smith 1983, and founded the same year. The Unit was chartered by ATA on November 2, 1983, with Donald Smith as president who continues to serve in this capacity. *Campaign* was introduced in 1983 with Kenneth Berry, still the current editor which is in volume 15; issues of *Campaign* were mailed from U.S. towns with a Napoleon related name. Membership information available from Kenneth Berry, 7513 Clayton Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 75132.

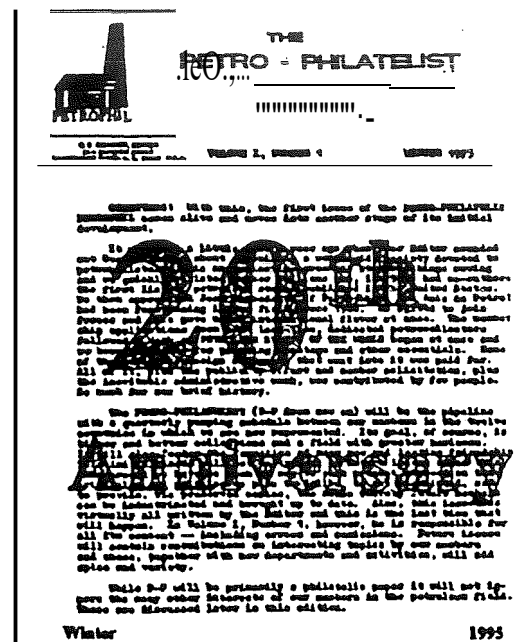
### 618. Performing Arts Study Unit



The Performing Arts Study Unit, devoted to music, theater, dance, cinema, and circus, was chartered by ATA on June 10, 1970, and the first issue of *Curtain Call* appeared in June 1970, edited by Harrold Shiftler and Marshall Whitehead from 1970 to 1977. Marshall Whitehead served as president 1970-1973, followed by Harrold Shiffler, while Joan Purdy was secretary 1970-1973. ATA Handbook #67 *Theatre Philatelic* by Harrold C. Shiftler was published in 1969 (which was updated in 1994 as Handbook #126). The Unit was inactive in 1984, but reactivated in February 1985 with Harold Elias as editor. A new format for *Curtain Call* was introduced in 1986 with Nancy Sliker as editor. The last issue of *Curtain Call* was volume 19 #1 Winter-Spring 1987-1988. The charter was withdrawn in 1990, and members were referred to the Fine Arts Philatelists (see 35A).

### 62A. Petroleum Philatelic Society International

The Petroleum Philatelic Society International, which is devoted to oil, natural gas, and the petro-chemical industry, was



first issue of the *Petro-Philatelist* appeared in the winter of 1975 with C. E. (Scotty) Skinner as editor from 1976 to 1979. The society was chartered by ATA on October 17, 1988, when Feitz Papa became editor serving in this capacity to 1993, and then as publisher. Hugo Vargas has served as president since 1995, and Rafael Macia serves as editor of the

*Petro-Philatelist*, now in volume 19. Membership information available from Feitz Papa, 922 Meandor Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

formed in 1974 by Georoe Yurkas, and then joined with the French *Les Amis du Perrole* which had been in existence since 1968. The

### 63A. Polar Philatelists, American Society

The American Society of Polar Philatelists was founded in 1956 as an affiliate of the non-philatelic American Polar Society, and the first issue of *Ice Cap News* was published January 1956 with George Hall as the editor. Neil Josephson served as the first president and editor 1958-1960, followed by editor John Herguth 1961-1968, and editor Bernard Coyne 1969-1987. While primarily devoted to postal history, early attempts to include topical information appeared as early

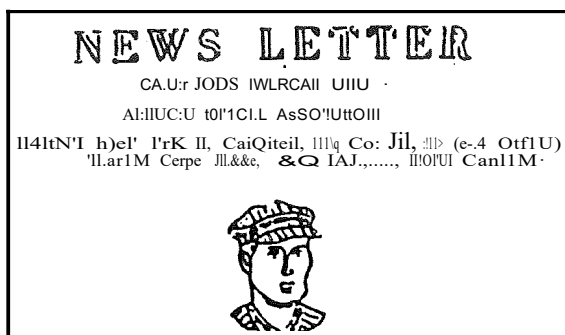
1971 with Arnold Paddock's "Your Arctic Topical" column. The society was chartered by ATA on May 17, 1993. *Ice Cap News* is currently in volume 43 with Steve Shapiro as editor. George Hall, the first editor, now serves as president, and Richard Julian is secretary. A history of the first 25 years appears in the March-April 1981 issue of *Ice Cap News*. Membership information available from Richard Julian, 1153 Fairview Drive, York, PA 17403.

### 648. Posthorn Study Unit

The Posthorn Study Unit, devoted to posthorns depicted on stamps, was chartered by IATA in September 1976 with 12 members. Their periodical, *Posthorn Call*, was edited by

president Clifford Strem, but the Unit was short-lived.

### 65A. Railroad Unit, Casey Jones



The Casey Jones Railroad Unit is the first ATA Unit, founded by D. D. Crocker and Charles Keenan on April 29, 1950, at the first day ceremonies for the U.S. "Casey Jones" stamp (Scott 993). Charles Keenan served as secretary from 1951 to 1956. In 1953, ATA published Handbook #6 *The Equipment Register of the Philatelic Railroad* by Harold Page, and the Casey Jones *Newsletter* premiered on February 15, 1954, with Claude Erbeen as editor 1954-1956. Frank Freedner served as president from 1955 until his death in 1964. Fred Campbell served as editor from 1958 to 1970, during which time the name of the newsletter was changed in 1962 to *The Dispatcher*. Herschel Rankin served as editor 1970-1983, and Esther Feldkirchner was president from 1964 to her death in 1990. Oliver Atchison has served as editor since 1984, now in volume 45.

ATA Handbooks include #27 *Rolling Stock Register of the Philatelic Railroad* by Harold Page (1960); Handbook #77 *Railway Stamps* by Howard Burkhalter (1971); Handbook #102 *Railway Stamps* by Howard Burkhalter and Charles Wales (1981); and #130 *Railways of the World on Stamps* by Howard Burkhalter (1996). Membership information on this Unit devoted to trains, railroads, and streetcars is available from Oliver Atchison, P.O. Box 31631, San Francisco, CA 94131.

### 66A. Rainbow Study Unit

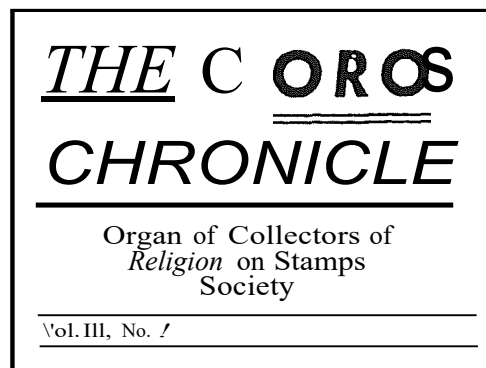
In 1989, Cheryl Edgcomb proposed a unit on rainbows, which was formed in February 1991 with Cheryl Edgcomb as president. Bylaws were prepared in July 1991, and the first issue of *Rainbow's Bend* appeared in January 1992 with Shirley Sutton as editor since 1992. The Rainbow Study Unit was chartered by ATA on July 11, 1994, and Patricia Valentine presently serves as president. *Rainbow's Bend* is currently in volume 7. Membership information available from George Young, P.O. Box 632, Twerksbury, MA 01876.

### 67B. Red Cross Unit

The Cross was founded on

November 15, 1952, by Bernard Davis, with Wilson Swanker as president and Florence Johnson as secretary. In 1955, Wilson Swanker authored ATA Handbook #II *The Red Cross on Stamps*, and then on October 1, 1956, the Red Cross Unit merged with the Medical Subjects Unit (see 56A).

### 68A. Religion on Stamps, Collectors of



The first specialized topical association in the U.S. (and perhaps the first in the world) was founded by Edward Asplund, John Gaydos, David Hoffberg, and Thomas Moyer on April 21, 1943, as the Collectors of Religion on Stamps. The *COROS Chronicle* was introduced in January 1945 with Thomas Moyer as editor, who also served as the first president 1945-1948. John Gaydos served as secretary 1946-1949, and as president 1949-

1951, while Waller Sager served as editor from 1962 until his death in 1977. Efforts to seek COROS affiliation with ATA commenced in 1950, but for 47 years COROS preferred to remain as an independent organization. The group affiliated with ATA on Christmas Day 1997 after the ATA Uiblical Topics Study Unit (see II B) voted to merge with COROS. Allan Hauck has served as president since 1979, and Augustine Serafini has served as editor of *COROS Chronicle* since 1985, which is now in Whole# 301. The early history of COROS is published in *COROS Chronicle* for January-March 1958. Membership information is available from secretary Verna Shackleton, 425 North Linwood Avenue, #110, Appleton, WI54914.

### 698. Religion Studies Unit, International

The International Religion Studies Unit was chartered by ATA on January 28, 1978, with 29 members. Ursel Kissinger served as the first and only president, while John Fife was editor; but only six issues of their newsletter were issued, and the charter was withdrawn in 1983.

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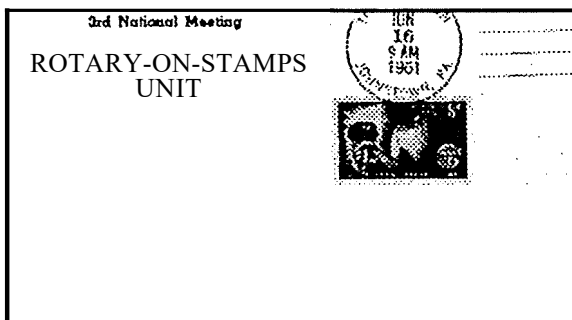
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## 708. Roosevelt, Franklin D., Philatelic Society

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society was organized in 1961 as independent organization, and *Fireside Chats* was introduced in 1966 with Gustav Detjen as editor and president. It was chartered by ATA in 1971. Detjen continued to edit *Fireside Chats* and as president until the charter was withdrawn in 1989 after Gustav Detjen's death.

## 71A. Rotary on Stamps Unit



as secretary since 1986. Membership information from Donald Fiery, Box Hanover, PA 17331.

## 728. Royalty on Stamps Unit

ATA Handbook #5 *Royalty on Stamps* by

Don Cregier published in 1952 led to the organization and chartering of the Royalty on Stamps Unit on November 8, 1952. The *Royalty Unit Newsletter* was first issued in April 1953 with Summerfield Day as editor, and Don Cregier as secretary. The last issue of the *Royalty Unit Newsletter* appeared in January 1955, and even though the Unit offered a special TOPEX Award as late as 1957, the life of the Unit was all but finished.

## 73A. Scouts on Stamps Society International

In 1951, Harold Bearce formed the Youth Organizations on Stamps Unit publishing four bulletins. Harry Thorsen, the author of the 1949 handbook on *Boy Scout Stamps of the World*, was invited to become president, but he declined because the Unit included communist youth stamps, and he suggested that the Unit be limited to Scouting. The name of the Unit was changed to the Scouts on Stamps Society, and the name of their periodical was changed to *S.O.S. Journal* in March 1952. Harry Thorsen then became



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If we are to believe Daniel Lincoln's history of June 1983, the Rotary on Stamps Unit was organized in 1955 by Jerry Husak and Edward Flath; Jerry Husak became temporary president and Daniel Lincoln as secretary and editor of the *Bulletin of Rotary-on-Stamps* which first appeared in February 1956. The Unit was chartered by ATA in late 1955, and Lauren Januz served as president until his resignation in 1957. Daniel Lincoln served as editor 1956-1959, and as president 1957-1959. In 1957, ATA published Handbook #17 *Rotary International on Stamps* by Daniel Lincoln. The *Bulletin of Rotary-on-Stamps* was last issued in May 1962.

The Unit was reactivated in 1968 by Eugene Atkinson who served as editor from 1968 to 1985. The new name for the Unit periodical was *Rotary on Stamps* commencing in

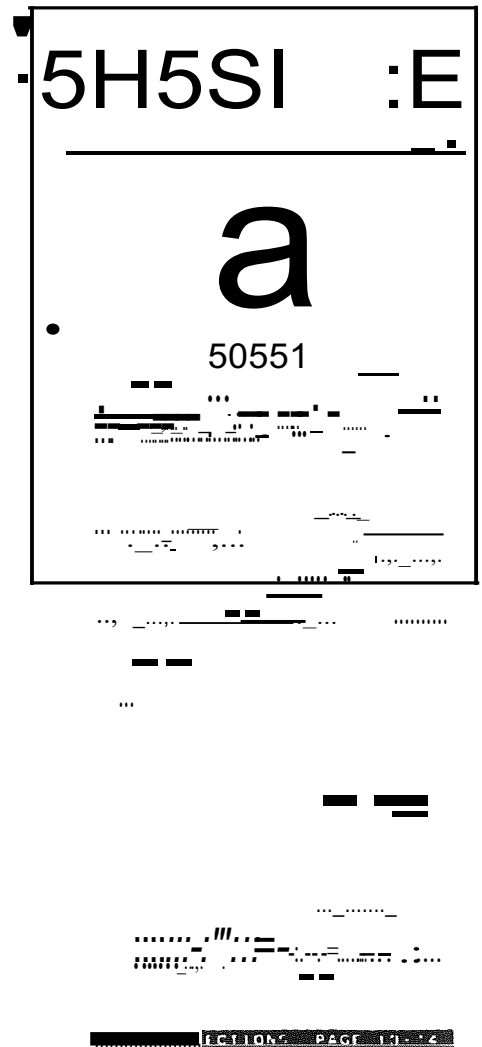
October 1986 with Donald Fiery as editor

from 1986 to 1994. Commencing in April 1994, the periodical was named *The ROS*

from 1958 to 1962. Willard Boyles served as secretary 1952-1954, but by 1954, the society

was no longer identified as an ATA Unit. The name of the periodical changed to *S.O.S.S.I Journal* in 1958.

Even though the society was no longer an ATA Unit, ATA published Handbook #42 *Scout Stamps of the World* by Harry Thorsen and Arthur McKinney in 1964, and Handbook #64 in 1968. The *SOSS/ Journal* adopted a new logo in February 1975, and then in 1990,



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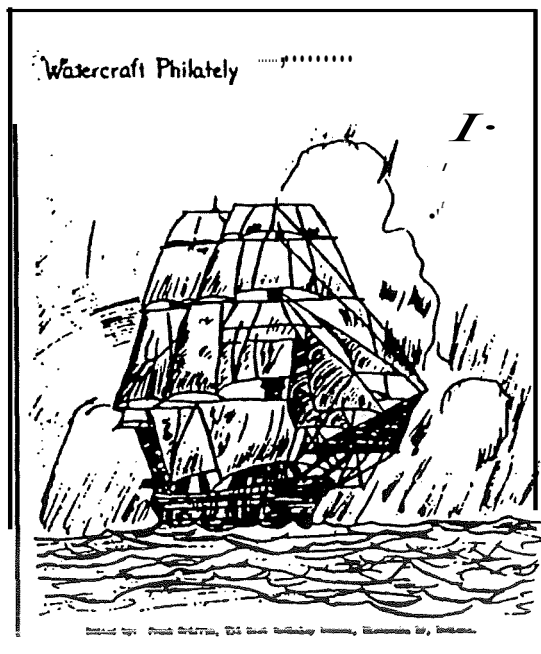
the Scouts on Stamps Society International Board voted to affiliate with ATA; the Society was chartered by ATA on August 1, 1990. Carl Schauer is the current executive secretary, Lawrence Clay is the current president, and they are presently searching for a new editor of the *SOSS/ Journal*, now in volume 47. A history of the group by Harry Thorsen was published in the November, 1987 issue. Membership information available from Carl Schauer, P.O. Box 526, Belen, NM 87002.

#### 748. Screen, Television and Radio Collectors Club

The Screen, Television and Radio on Stamps Collectors Club was founded by Peter Wolff in 1990, and chartered by ATA on September 4, 1991. Peter Wolff published *S\*T\*A\*R\*S*, including some 2,000 pages of data on the topic. The charter was withdrawn in 1994 with the death of Peter Wolff, and members were urged to join the Fine Arts Philatelists (see 35A).

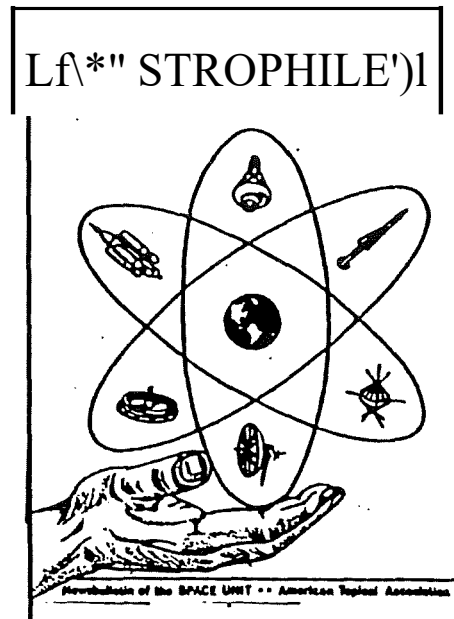
#### 75A. Ships on Stamps Unit

The Ships on Stamps Unit was proposed in 1952, and organized on July 1, 1954, with 28 charter members. Frank Griffin served as the first president, and Harold Rayl was the first secretary. The first issue of the *Ships on Stamps Newsletter* appeared in February 1954 with Frank Griffin as editor. Commencing in June 1955, the name of the newsletter was changed to *Watercraft Philately* with Harold Rayl as editor from 1956 to 1968. William Coffey served as editor 1969-1988 and as president 1982-1992. During his tenure, William Coffey pioneered in the formation of the International Federation of Maritime Philately in 1982 including similar groups many other countries.



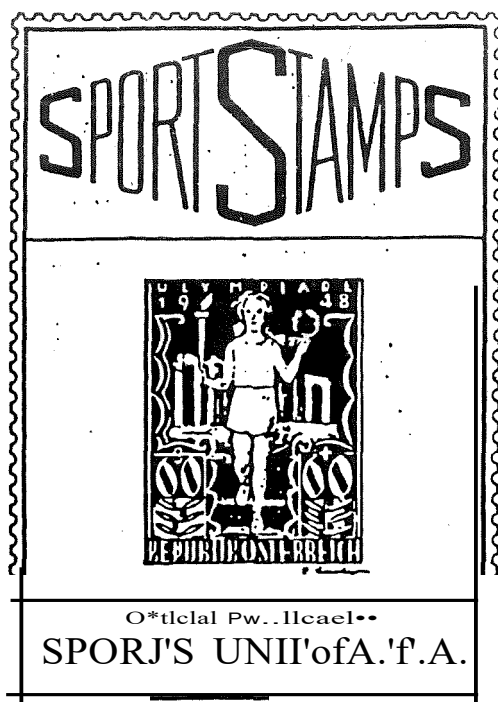
Handbooks supported by the Ships on Stamps Unit included a 1957 Handbook #19 *Ships on Stamps* and a 1965 Handbook #47 both by Harold Rayl; Handbook #80 *Watercraft on Stamps* by Kathy Herd (1973); and Handbook #117 in 1991. Myron Molnau has served as president since 1992; Robert Tessier served as editor of *Watercraft Philately* 1988-1996; and Dan Rodlie is the current editor, now in volume 45. Membership information from secretary Robert Stuckert, 2750 Highway 21 East, Paint Lick, KY 40461.

#### 76A. Space Unit



Samuel Cress and Glenn Everett proposed forming the Space Satellite Unit in 1956, which was organized 1957 to coincide with the launching of the first Sputnik. *Astrophile* was introduced in November 1957 with Frances Fenner as editor from 1957 to 1965. The Unit was chartered by ATA in 1958 with Glenn Everett as the first president. The name of the Unit was changed in 1960 to the ATA Space Unit with Bruce Braun as president 1960-1961. Carole McCoy served as editor 1966-1975, and Ruth Hellard served as both editor and publisher 1975-1978. Lester Winick served as president 1969-1981. By 1975, the Unit had 950 members becoming the largest ATA Unit.

ATA Handbooks included #33 *Space Stamps* by Frances Fenner (1962); Handbook #54 *Space Stamps (Volume II)* by Lester Winick (1966); Handbook #60 *Space Covers (Volume III)* by Betty Peters (1968) and Handbook #99 *Space Stamps* by Leo Malz (1985). Reuben Ramkisson has served as president since 1990, and Mark Bloom currently serves as editor of *Astrophile* which is starting volume 44. Membership information from Carmine P.O. Box 780254 i, Maspeth, NY 11378.



### 77A. Sports Philatelists International

The Sports Unit was founded in 1951 by Clifford Smith, and *Sportcast* was introduced in May 1951 with Clifford Smith as editor. Louis Brandenburg was the first president. Clifford Smith bowed out in 1952, and *Sportcast* started over again with vol. 1, #1 in October 1953 with Catherine Caspary as editor, and Edward Flath as secretary. The group reorganized as the International Association of Sports Philately, and was chartered August 17, 1953. *Sportcast* started over again with #1 in December 1957, but only one issue was published. Another try was made on September 1, 1960, and the new Sports Unit introduced *Sportstamps* in September 1960 with Travis Land as editor, and Robert Bruce as president. In 1962, Robert Bruce requested that the mandatory ATA membership be removed, but it was denied by ATA. The group then decided to become an independent organization, with Robert Bruce and others resigning their ATA membership.

During this period, ATA published two Handbooks authored by Robert Bruce; they were #35 *Sports and Recreation Check-List*, and #83 *Checklist of Sports & Recreation* (Second edition). The new organization, called Sports Philatelists International, was founded in 1962, and the first issue of the *Journal of Sports Philately* appeared in September 1962 with Robert Bruce as president and editor. When ATA dropped the membership requirements, the group was chartered in November 1982. Mark Maestrone is both president and editor, and John La Porta is publisher of the *Journal of Sports Philately*, now in volume 37. Membership information on this group covering Olympics, recreation,

and sports, is available from Margaret Jones, 5310 Lindenwood Avenue, St. Louis, 63109.

### 78A. Stamps on Stamps / Centenary Unit



The Stamps on Stamps Unit was proposed in 1952 by F. J. Bode, and organized as the Stamps on Stamps Unit in 1954. The first issue of the *S.O.S. News* appeared in January 1955 with Lauren Januz as both secretary and editor. Darwin Hancock was the first president, and Sidney Esten was vice president. However, the last issue of *S.O.S. News* appeared in June 1956. The Unit was reorganized in October 1959 by Lewis Gordon, and *SOS Signal* vol. 2, #1 appeared in January 1961 with Lewis Gordon as editor. Edward Leland then served as editor from 1961 to 1981, with Lewis Gordon as president 1963-1964 and 1970-1978, and Harold Arnold as secretary 1960-1980. "Centenary" was added to the name of the Unit in June 1963. ATA Handbook #45 *Stamps on Stamps* by Edward Leland was published in 1965. After the 1981-1983 tenure of editor Louis Guadagno, the Unit was inactive until 1985. Robert Graves was editor 1986-1995; Bernice (Bunny) Kaplan served as secretary from 1986 to her death in 1992; and ATA published Handbook #122 *Stamps on Stamps* edited by Bernice (Bunny) Kaplan in 1992. Boris Politziner is the retiring president; Wesley Shellen the new president; and William Critzer has served as editor and secretary since 1997. Membership information from William Critzer, 11385 Country Way, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

### 788. Tape Recording Unit

The Tape Recording Unit was organized in March 1959 by Harvey Johnson for members who owned a tape recorder so that they could "talk to persons from all parts of the world." The Unit was listed until 1972.

### 798. Telecommunications Study Unit

The Telecommunications Study Unit, devoted to radio, telephone, and the telegraph, was organized in 1975 by Ferdinand Dombrowski, and the *Communicator* was first issued the same year with Dombrowski as editor. The Unit was chartered on December 20, 1975 with 24 members. The *Communicator* was last issued in April 1988, and the charter was revoked in 1989.

## 80B. Transport Unit

An Transport covering all forms of transportation except railroads and ships was organized January 1, 1955 with Ray Fillingham as ATA representative. However, there is no evidence that any publications were issued.

## 81B. Truman Philatelic & Historical Society

The Truman Philatelic & Historical Society was chartered by ATA on October 15, 1974, and the name of their first periodical, *Sacred Cow*, was changed to *Independence* in 1974. It was last issued in April 1977.

## 82A. United Nations Philatelists

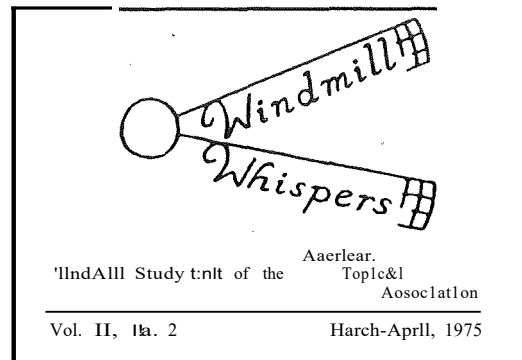
A United Nations Study Unit was formed in 1951 with Doris Carew as secretary, and the first issue of the *Bulletin* appeared in May 1954 with Doris Carew as editor from 1954 to 1962. During this period, ATA published Handbook #20 *United Nations Stamps of the World* by Fred Breidenbach and Edgar Parkin in 1957, followed by Handbook #40 in 1964. The group was reorganized on September 10, 1963, by Martin Hoff, and was chartered by ATA on September 10, 1963, with Martin Hoff as president and secretary. Michael Maldony was editor 1963-1968, followed by Martin Hoff 1968-1974. *UNSU Philatelic Review* was the new title for the periodical commencing in July 1969. But the United Nations Philatelists organized in 1970, published the *Journal of United Nations Philatelists*. The original Study Unit was replaced by the new organization which was chartered by ATA in October 1979 with Gustave Knoeckel as president. Greg Galletti is the current president; Blanton Clement is secretary; and Richard Powers is editor of the *Journal of United Nations Philatelists* which is currently in volume 22. Membership information from Blanton Clement, Jr., 292 Springdale Terrace, Yardley, PA 19067.

## 83B. Universal Postal Union Collectors

The Universal Postal Union Collectors was proposed in 1952 by Harold Sherman, but it did not become an active group until 1976 when it was reorganized at INTERPHIL. The first issue of the *Publication of the Universal Postal Union Collectors* appeared with Norma McCumber as editor and secretary from 1976 to 1980. Raymond Reaber served as president 1978-1980, and Stan Conrad assumed the editorship in 1981, but the charter was withdrawn in 1983 for inactivity. A new group was formed in 1990 with Norma McCumber as president 1990-1991, and Robert Maich as secretary and editor of the *Publication of UPU Collectors*. The group affiliated with-ATA in February 16, 1990, and

*Globe Union* became the new title of their periodical in 1993, which was last issued as Whole #36 in 1994.

## 84A. Windmill Study Unit

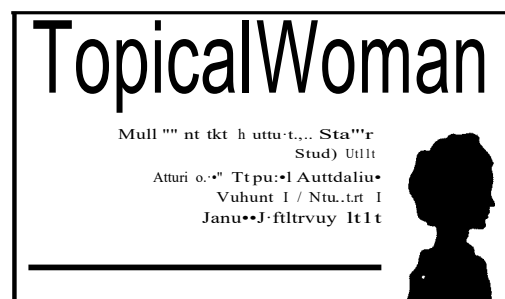


The Windmill Study Unit was chartered by ATA on February 6, 1974, with Robert Daly as president from 1974 to 1982, and Doris Tenny as secretary 1975-1982. The first issue of *Windmill Whispers* appeared in January 1974 with John Hass III as editor serving until 1978 when Jean Kilmer took over as editor until 1983. Wim Bosman of the Netherlands served as president 1983-1989. The current president is Georges Lippens of Belgium; Orville Tysseling is vice president for North America; and the editor of *Windmill Whispers*, now in volume 25, is Fred Atkins who has served since 1990. For membership information, contact Orville Tysseling, 625 Teagarden Circle, Dayton, OH 45449-3013.

## 85A. Wine on Stamps Study Unit

The Wine on Stamps Study Unit was established on January 9, 1993, and chartered by ATA on May 22, 1995. The first issue of *Enophilatelia* was edited by James Crum, who also serves as president. JoAnn Weiss is vice president, and Helen Cushman serves as secretary. For membership information, write James Crum, 5132 Sepulveda, San Bernardino, CA 92404-1134.

## 86A. Women in Stamps Study Unit



ATA published Handbook #71 *Women on Stamps* by Sophia Webb in 1969, while volume II appeared in 1978. Handbook #93 was authored by Betty Killingbeck who, the same year (1978) proposed an ATA Women on Stamps Study Unit which was chartered by ATA in April 1979. The first issue of *Topical Woman* appeared in January 1979 with

Ruperta Waters as Killingbeck served as president from 1979 until her death in 1991. Davida Kristy has served as president since 1992, and as editor of *Topical Woman* since 1981 which is now in volume 20. The third volume of *Women on Stamps* was published in 1993 as ATA Handbook #124. Membership information available from secretary Phebe Royer, 259 Middle Road, Falmouth, ME 04105.

#### 878. World's Fair Collectors Society

A World's Fair Unit (subsequently

#### renamed Fairs and Expositions

was founded in 1968, and was chartered as an ATA Unit in 1970 as the World's Fair Collectors Society. The *WCFS Newsletter* was edited by Michael Pender, the name of which was changed in 1977 to *Fair News*. Meanwhile, Edward Orth organized the Expo Collectors & Historians Organization, and introduced the first issue of *Expo Info* in July 1976. A dispute arose between the two organizations, but it was not until 1990 that the WFCS charter was withdrawn. •

### Chronology of ATA Affiliate Chartering

#### Date Chartered

#### Affiliate (\* indicates now inactive)

April 19, 1950

Casey Jones Railroad Unit

May 22, 1951

Biology Unit

June 13, 1951

Americana Unit

June 1952

Medical Subjects Unit

November 8, 1952

\* Royalty on Stamps Unit

November 15, 1952

\* Red Cross Unit

August 17, 1953

\* International Association of Sports Philately

July 1, 1954

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January 1955

Ships on Stamps Unit

January 1955

Rotary on Stamps Unit

February 10, 1956

Fine & Performing Arts Philatelists

September 1959

\* Maps on Stamps Unit

September 24, 1959

\* Joseph Pulitzer Journalism Unit

September 1, 1960

\* Space Unit

August 17, 1961

\* Judaica Unit

March 11, 1963

\* Europa Study Unit

September 10, 1963

\* Sports Unit

June 15, 1968

\* Lions Stamp Club

June 10, 1970

\* Law and Lawyers on Stamps

June 1, 1972

\* Geology Study Unit

February 6, 1974

\* United Nations Study Unit

March 19, 1974

\* Winston Churchill Study Unit

July 16, 1974

\* American Presidents Unit

October 15, 1974

\* Performing Arts Study Unit

January 20, 1975

\* Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society

April 24, 1975

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June 2, 1975

\* Windmill Study Unit

June 17, 1975

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October 9, 1975

\* Journalists, Authors & Poets on Stamps

October 22, 1975

\* Truman Philatelic & Historical Society

December 20, 1975

\* Computers Study Unit

March 29, 1976

\* Folklore-Fairy Tales Unit

June 29, 1976

\* Charles A. Lindburgh Association

August 1976

\* Automotive Study Unit

September 1976

\* Mesoamerican Archaeology Study Unit

September 1976

\* Captain Cook Study Unit

September 1, 1976

\* Telecommunications Study Unit

May 26, 1977

\* Graphics Philatelic Association

August 30, 1977

\* Gems-Minerals-Jewelry Study Unit

January 1, 1977

\* Fire Service in Philately

January 1, 1977

\* Lighthouse Study Unit

January 1, 1977

\* Posthorn Study Unit

January 1, 1977

\* Chess on Stamps Unit

January 1, 1977

\* Masonic Study Unit

January 1, 1977

\* Old World Archeology Study Unit

August 8, 1977	Earth's Physical Features Study Unit
January 28, 1978	* International Religion Studies Unit
September 26, 1978	* Albrecht Durer Study Unit
April 23, 1979	Dogs on Stamps Study Unit
April 1979	Women in Stamps Study Unit
May 1979	* Coins on Stamps Study Unit
May 15, 1979	* Meteorology Study Unit
September 1979	Chemistry & Physics Study Unit
October 1979	United Nations Philatelists
November 9, 1979	Mathematical Study Unit
February 1980	* Bicycles on Stamps Unit
November 21, 1980	* Aviation Study Unit
December 1, 1980	* Avian Philately Unit
August 18, 1981	* Malaria Philatelists International
February 8, 1982	International Churchill Philatelic Society
November 1982	Sports Philatelists International
December 7, 1982	Christopher Columbus Philatelic Society
June 3, 1983	* Atomic/Nuclear Study Unit
November 2, 1983	* Napoleon Age Philatelists
April 20, 1984	* Law Enforcement Unit
July 15, 1985	Gay & Lesbian History Stamp Club
August 22, 1985	Cats on Stamps Study Unit
June 1986	* Biblical Topics Study Unit
October 20, 1986	Christmas Philatelic Club
August, 11 1987	Bicycle Stamp Club
December 1, 1987	* Butterfly & Moth Stamp Society
March 10, 1988	Canadiana Study Unit
August 1, 1988	Lions International Stamp Club
October 17, 1988	Petroleum Philatelic Society International
February 22, 1989	* International Philatelic Golf Society
February 16, 1990	* Universal Postal Union Collectors
August 1, 1990	* Scouts on Stamps Society International
September 4, 1991	Screen, Television and Radio Collectors
March 25, 1991	Philatelic Music Circle
April 9, 1991	Mask Study Unit
May 17, 1993	American Society of Polar Philatelists
July 28, 1993	American Indian Philatelic Society
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*The American Topical Association has produced a body of literature which has no equivalent in the topical field. It is the handbooks that are the heart of the ATA topical literature.*

This is Charles J. Peterson's description of the first 76 ATA Handbooks in the Fourth Quarter, 1970, issue of the *Philatelic Literature Review*. In the ensuing 33 years, ATA has doubled the number of different ATA Handbooks that have been published, and the launching of ATA's 50th anniversary is a most appropriate time to once again review this unique body of literature, and for the first time list every ATA Handbook from #1 to #135.

Instead of reviewing the contents of each ATA Handbook, as Charlie Peterson did in 1970, we are placing major emphasis on the authors and editors. After all, there would be no Handbooks if there were no authors and editors who, for the love of the hobby, spent thousands of hours to create these Handbooks. See the separate listing on pages 83 which recognizes these authors, editors, design artists, and others who made all of these ATA Handbooks a reality.

The following list does not include those Handbooks which were published by one of ATA's 50 affiliates, or the various Handbooks which were only sold by ATA, and do not carry an ATA Handbook number such as Ernest A. Kehr's *Collect Topicals* and *Have Fun* (published in 1955) and Ernest Argyle's ten-volume *Ships on Stamps* encyclopedia.

Many of these ATA Handbooks are long out-of-print, but they may still be available from philatelic literature dealers (see any recent issue of the *Philatelic Literature Review* for a comprehensive dealer listing) or from one of the various philatelic libraries (see the January-February 1998 issue of *Topical Time* for a listing of philatelic libraries worldwide.)

## Handbooks

#1-2 *Americana on Stamps of Foreign Countries* by Ellen E. Jensen (ATA #15) and *Biology Philately* by Homer L. Jones (ATA #313). Combined. 22 pages. February 1951. See also #58, #R5, #97, #101, #111, #127, #132, and #135.

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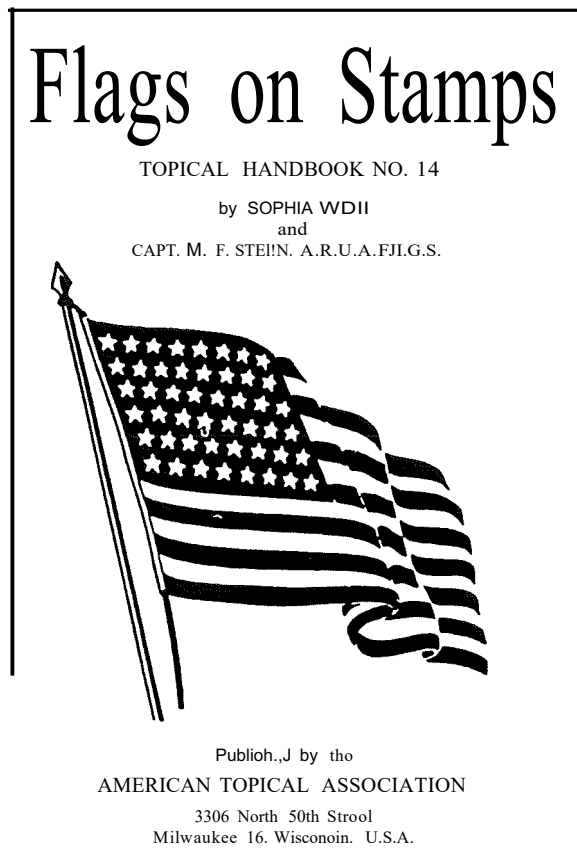
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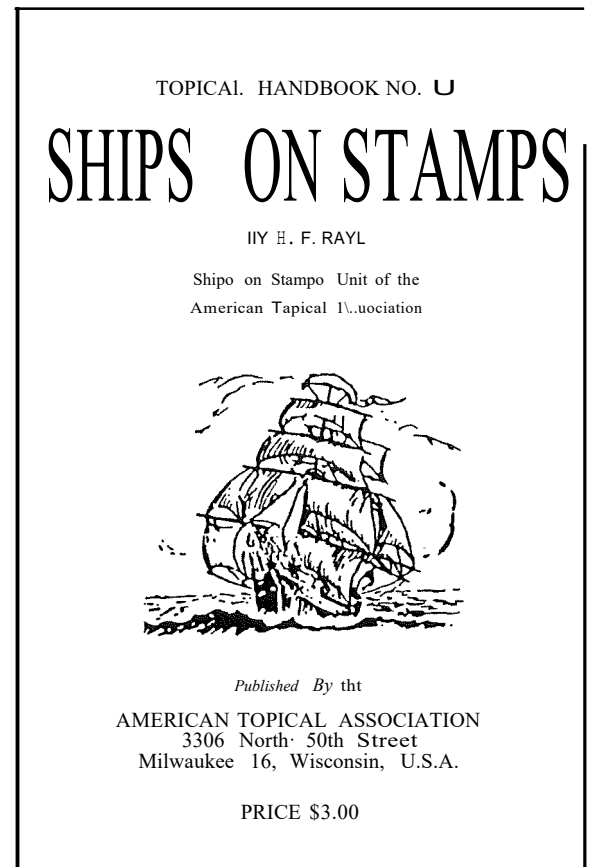
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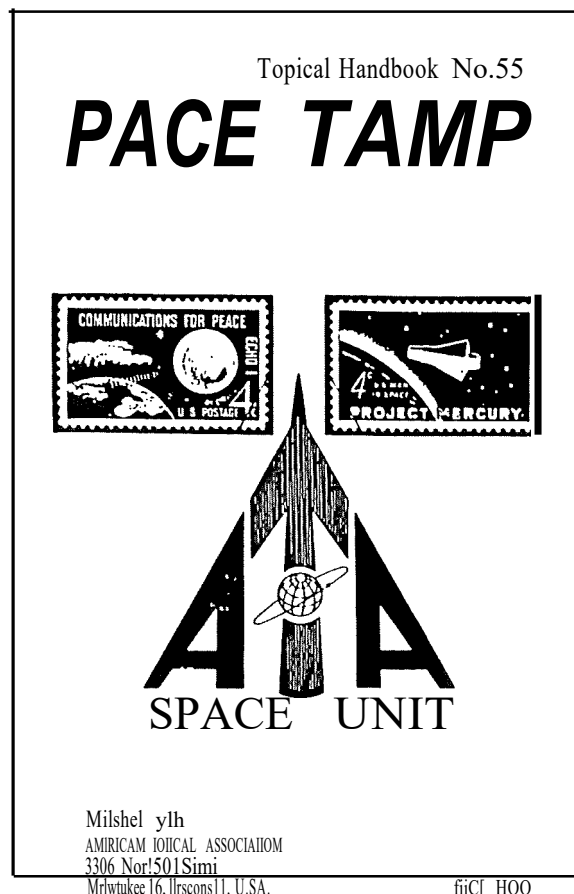
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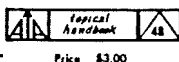


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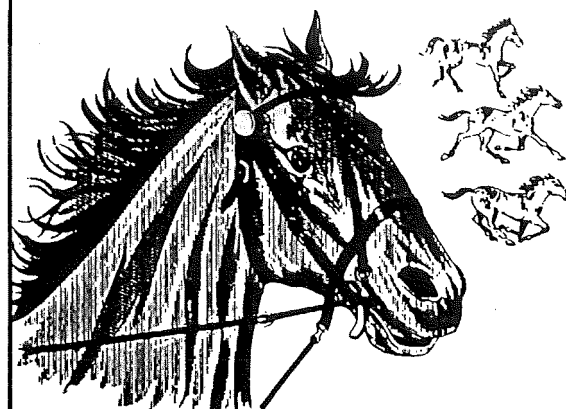
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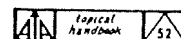
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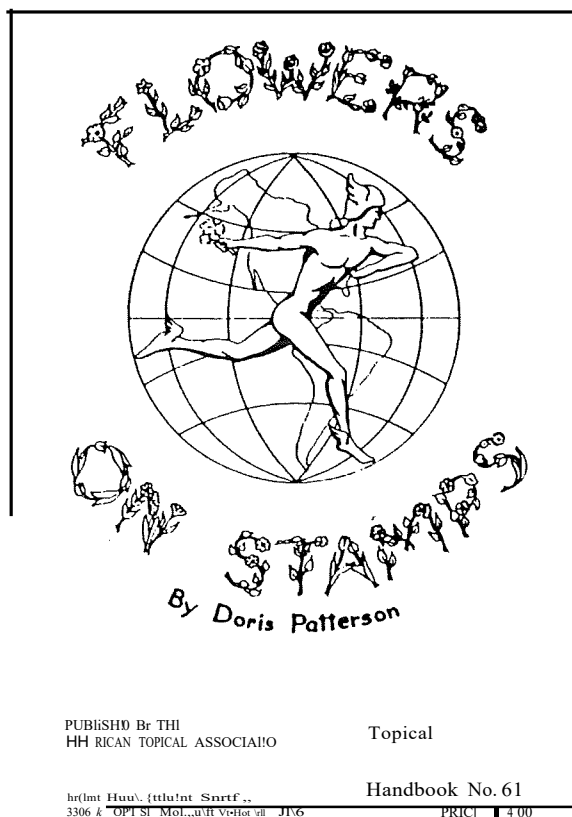
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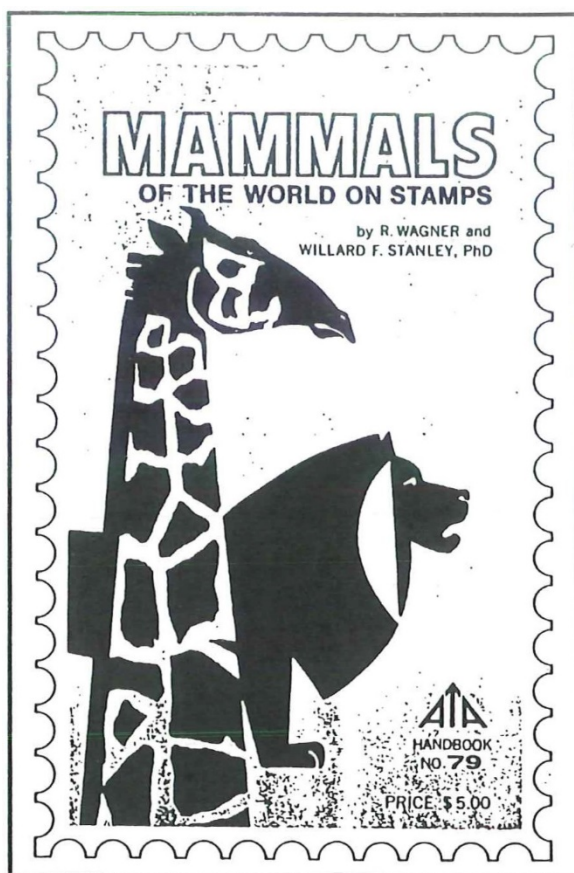
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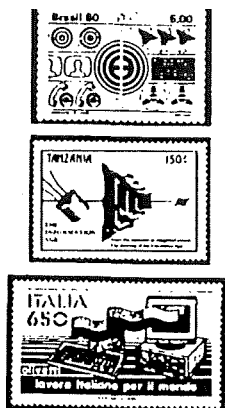
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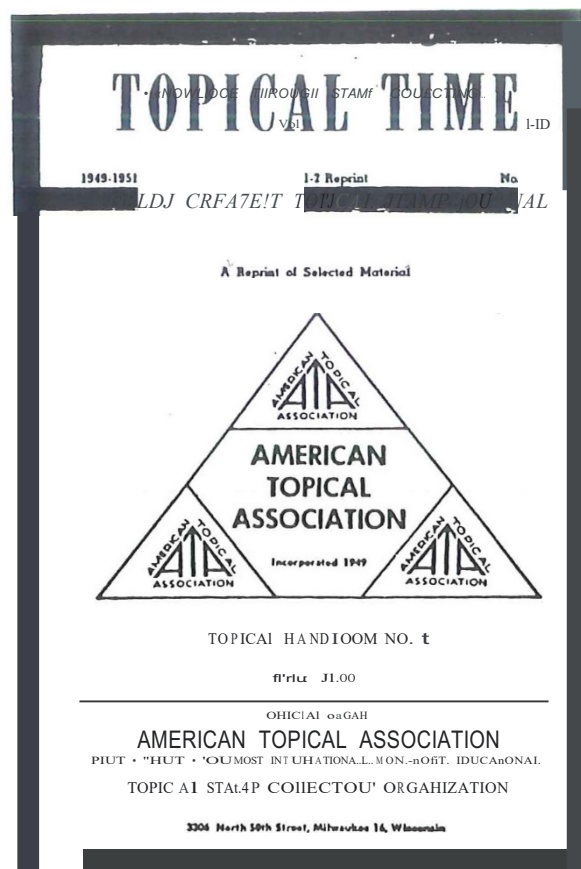
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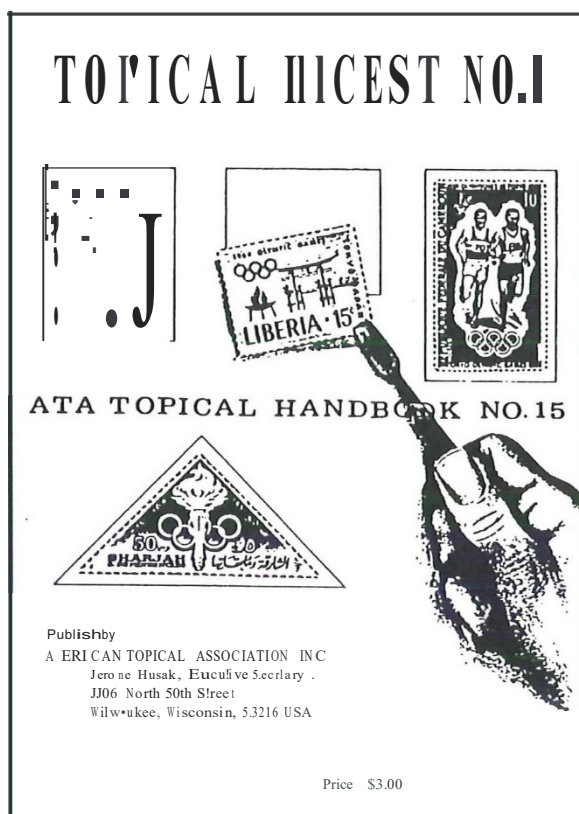
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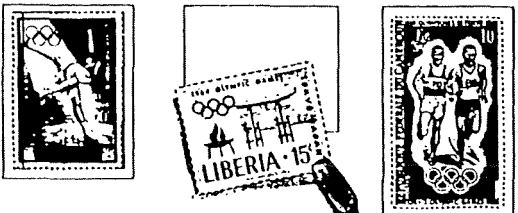
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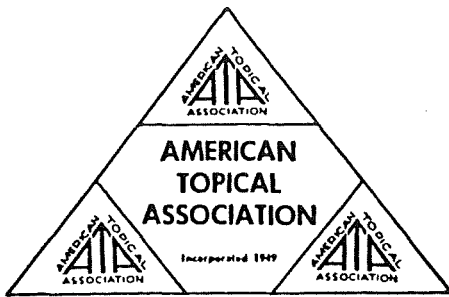
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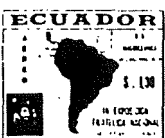

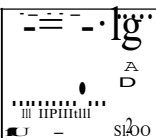
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## Charter Member Update

We have finally made contact with ATA Charter Member August H. Pritzlaff (ATA #307, LM #28). He returned in mid-April to his summer home at 1215 South Chestnut Street, Princeton, Illinois, having spent the winter with his son in Houston, Texas. Here are his recollections.

"I commenced my interest in trains in 1934 when I was given a model train at the age of ten. I served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945, and was recalled to active duty in 1952-1953 during the Korean War. I then served as a chemical engineer in Chicago until my retirement in 1989. By the time ATA was founded, I had started collecting trains on stamps, and I attended ATA's first anniversary meeting on September 17, 1950, in Chicago. Joan, who passed away on February 3, 1999, and I were married in 1952, and together we attended no less than 14 ATA annual conventions. Even though I am listed as ATA Sales Department Director from 1958 to 1965, Joan really did all of the work. I also recall how proud Joan was when she received the 1963 TOPEX Grand Award for her exhibit entitled "Switzerland's Amazing Railroads." I do hope that I will be able to attend ATA's 50th birthday party in Milwaukee."

[Editor's Note: Our condolences are extended to August for the loss of his beloved Joan, ATA member #5634, LM #112.]

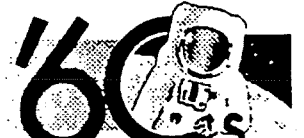
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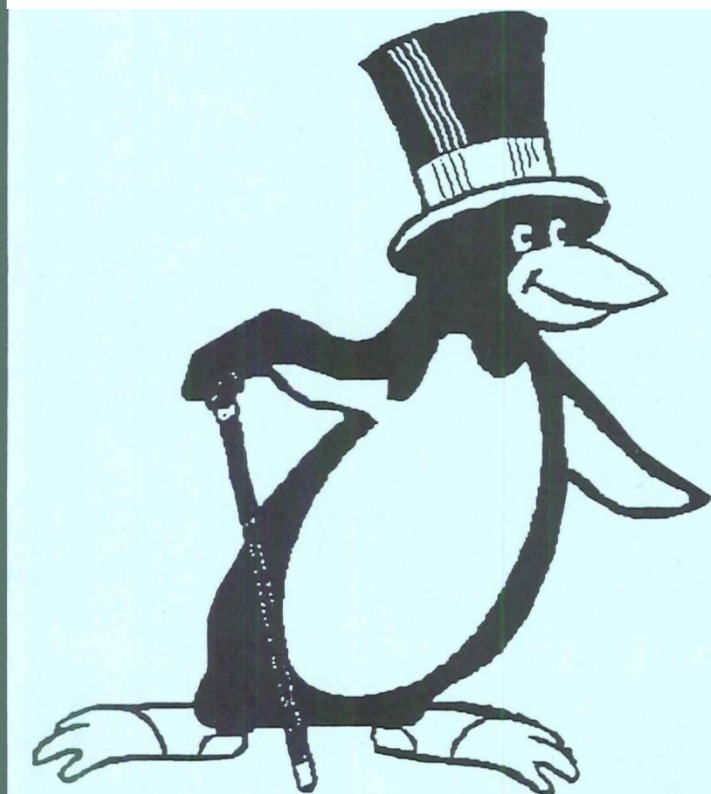


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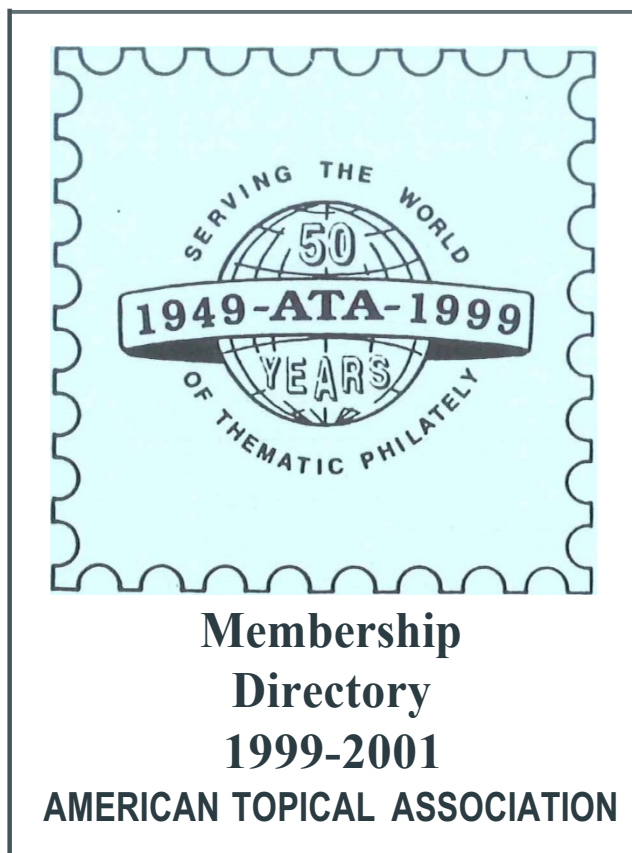
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